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Y2K changeover to be a 'non-event'

Local businesses are prepared for date change

By Nicole Vaughn and
Michael Heil
Staff writers

On Jan. 1, grocery stores will continue to sell food. Water will continue to flow from municipal services and banks will continue to distribute cash.

Jim Bright is sure of it. "My prediction (for the Y2K changeover) is it's going to be a non-event," said Bright, president of Scott Credit Union. "There's a lot of people worried about it needlessly. A lot of the problems are overrated, way overrated."

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President of Scott Credit Union

Like most businesses, Scott Credit Union has taken several steps to make sure that its operations are Y2K compliant. Computers and telephone systems are

among the pricier items replaced in the preparation. "If it clicks, ticks or lights up, we've replaced the thing," Bright said.

The story is similar at other financial institutions. "We're really confident of our Y2K readiness," Adam Koishor, of TheBank of Edwardsville said. "I know we've been working on it for two years or better."

Koishor said the bank put together a committee representing each department to talk about every possible problem they could anticipate. Then they tested for each one of those things, he said.

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Scott Credit Union president James Bright stands next to the credit union's emergency power supply for the company's headquarters in Collinsville.

John Swistak Jr. photo

Holidays can be a trying time

Health department offer suggestions on dealing with depression

By Jennifer Saxton
Staff writer

The holidays are supposed to be happy times, but for many, the holidays bring sadness and depression. Many people suffer from the "holiday blues" because of a variety of reasons.

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Whether it is the loss of a loved one, a divorce or other traumatic events in a person's life that makes them blue, there are people who are willing to help.

Madison County Health Department employees have some suggestions to battle the seasonal blues. One suggestion is to change traditions and old holiday patterns. Old traditions are

often large reminders of what once was and are too painful to endure.

If it is at all possible, celebrate the holidays in a completely different environment, possibly even with new people.

For those in pain, allow yourself to acknowledge your pain, but do not let it consume you.

Try to get your mind off

your pain and loneliness by helping others. Volunteering for others during the holidays may help someone forget their own pain.

Another source of the holiday blues may be with a person's struggle with weight and dieting. During the holidays, many people become obsessed with the scale.

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Venice taxpayers to see lowered bills

Decrease in city's tax levy to give property owners a break next year

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A decrease in the city of Venice's tax levy should give property owners in the city a slight drop in their property tax bills next year.

Last week, City Council members approved a \$314,136 tax levy for 1999. That is a decrease of about

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\$10,000 from the 1998 tax extension.

City attorney Casper Nighohossian said that will probably translate into a decrease of about 14 cents per \$100 assessed value, to about \$3.26 per \$100.

He said the major reason for the drop was that the city has paid off its garbage truck. That decrease was offset somewhat by a lower assessed value for property in the city because of the

reassessment of the AmerenUE plant to \$1 million from \$6 million.

However, city property taxes make up a small portion of the total tax bill with most of the property tax revenue going to the school districts.

Council also approved extending the negotiation deadline with American Fiber Comm Inc.

At the last meeting, Council approved giving the

company a deadline to begin "honest" negotiations on easements for a fiber optic cable line on city property.

At the time, Council members voted that if negotiations have not started by the next meeting, Nighohossian would seek an injunction against the company, including having pipeline already installed on city property removed.

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Christmas part 2

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Monique Andrade from Pontoon Beach, a Wal-Mart employee, processes a return for a customer Monday morning.

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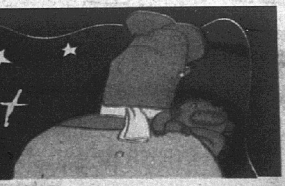
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Haine opposes stadium plan

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

State's Attorney Bill Haine is eager to explain his opposition to a plan for Madison County to help finance a new baseball stadium for the minor-league Gateway Grizzlies based in Collinsville.

"To put it simply, it's just not legal," Haine said in an interview Monday. "I hate to be the bearer of bad news, these people they don't have the authority to entertain this idea."

"The problem with it is that it all falls apart, in my view, because the county board does not have authority to obligate general funds for anything other than general fund purchases."

What the original idea boiled down to was that the county would create an exhibition council to issue revenue bonds in the amount of \$5 million to \$6 million that would then be guaranteed by the county.

Those bonds would have to be paid out of revenue generated solely from the project they were issued for.

In effect, if the Grizzlies organization went belly-up, the county would then become part owner of the

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stadium, and the Gateway Convention Center would manage the facility for the county.

"Lawyers for the bond company, Chapman & Cutler, indicated that the county could guarantee these bonds from our general fund in the event of a default, in the event that the Grizzlies organization goes belly up, or the investor's letter of credit runs out at some point," Haine said.

But Haine said the plan simply falls outside of legal authority given to the county board.

Haine said if the Illinois General Assembly decided to grant the county board that authority, then it would be up to the board to determine

if it was a good idea for the county.

"It's complicated," Haine said. "It's a very creative use of the present statute authority by the bond lawyers, Chapman & Cutler, in Chicago. They claim we can do this. From their view the statutes don't prohibit it, but I don't agree."

"My duty is to advise the county board and the government. Their duty is to advise people who want to sell bonds," he said.

Haine said he is also troubled by the way the proposal thwarts state regulations on bond referendums.

"The customary statute authority for a referendum for bond authority is avoided by the proposal," he said. "We're being backed into a bond of \$5 million or \$6 million without a referendum that is required. That's a very questionable idea, as far as I'm concerned."

Haine said he supports the stadium, and praises the local government leaders in Collinsville for their drive and determination.

"I would hope they can find another way to fund this thing," he said. Collinsville Mayor Stan Schaeffer said the county's backing would have been nice, but other avenues for stadium funding will be explored, perhaps as early as this week.

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Stan Schaeffer
Collinsville mayor

"That was merely proposal A, to get things moving. Now that that's kind of gone around the bend, we'll be looking at other options," Schaeffer said.

"I'll probably be talking to (Richard) Saugel later this week," he said. "We've been exploring options on how to get it done, and we'll be going to plan B."

Saugel and Ken Wilson are the lead investors in the Grizzlies.

So far no one is identifying what the next option might be.

"That's the question-what is plan B," Schaeffer said.

"We're going to try to banter it around and throw out some ideas to each other."

DUI convict now faces escape charge

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

A drunken driver apologizing at his sentencing hearing for the injuries he caused

to an Edwardsville couple, but he did not show up to start the jail term he was given.

Authorities are searching for Burke T. Watts, 31, of Belleville, who failed to show up at the Madison County Jail as scheduled on Nov. 12 to start a one-year prison sentence for aggravated driving under the influence. Now he faces an additional charge of escape and the potential for a much longer sentence.

The developments are adding insult to the injuries caused to Robert and Barbara Erickson of Holiday Shores. The Ericksons and another man, Michael Nicholls of Granite City,

were badly hurt around 8 a.m. March 24 in Glen Carbon when Watts hit their vehicle on South Illinois Route 159 south of the Hardee's restaurant.

At his sentencing hearing Nov. 3, Watts told the Ericksons that he was sorry. He justified what had happened by saying he'd been

out drinking, celebrating the pending birth of his first son. The Ericksons were surprised to learn from a reporter that Watts is now a fugitive.

"We thought he was in jail," Barbara Erickson said Tuesday.

Watts was sentenced to one year in prison by Madison County Circuit Judge Lawrence Keshner, but was given a one-week furlough to attend to his personal affairs.

The situation does not sit well with Assistant State's Attorney Neil Schroeder, who argued for the maximum 18-month sentence for Watts.

"The escape charge is a Class 3 felony, which carries two to five years, and he'll have to serve it consecutively (to the one-year sentence). Frankly, that won't bother me," Schroeder said. "He's more than earned it," agreed Barbara Erickson.

She said her husband now walks with a cane after being confined for months to a wheelchair. He suffered a broken neck, heel and pelvis and a perforated intestine. She suffered a broken left arm and leg and an injury to her left eye.

Barbara Erickson said she has 12 screws in her left leg and several screws and a

New intermodal rail yard to open in January

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The new Norfolk Southern intermodal rail yard near Gateway Commerce Center is expected to be open by the end of January.

The yard will handle Norfolk Southern's Triple Crown operations in St. Louis. Triple Crown is the railroad's subsidiary that handles "road rail" truck trailers designed to have railroad wheels attached and transported by rail.

The new facility will cost an estimated \$7 million, and will initially employ about 50 people.

The yard stretches from Illinois 111 to Interstate 255

just north of the Gateway Commerce Park, and has almost 14,000 linear feet of rail. When completed, it will be capable of handling two 125-unit trains at one time with parking for approximately 300 more units.

Dave Malone, manager of Triple Crown's St. Louis operation, said they might eventually add another set of tracks.

"It's going very well," he said of the construction. "They've got the pavement done over there, and are waiting on rock for the track."

Triple Crown now operates out of Norfolk Southern's Luther Yard on Hall Street in St. Louis, but must relocate because the company's operations have outgrown the yard.

"We're excited," he said.

"I'm sure it will help the situation now because it's so crowded."

Dave Malone
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"Throughout the two years we performed tests, made changes and corrected any possible concerns at this point."

In addition to technology, banks have been braced for thousands of customers, fueled by Y2K fears, coming in to withdraw large sums of cash. So far, that hasn't happened.

"We've taken the approach that they need to prepare like they would for a severe winter storm," he said. "If they would feel comfortable having more cash on hand, then that's what they should do."

But they shouldn't hang onto large sums of money, Bright said.

"Unfortunately, criminals are aware of the problems also," he said. "People taking their cash out are running a higher risk of getting robbed."

But as confident as he is, Bright isn't taking chances. Additional security measures are being employed at Scott Credit Union and the Collinsville location is armed with a generator to make sure its computer center stays up and running.

"I got the generator out of my own paranoia," Bright said. "It was the only potential weak link we had in the event we lose power."

Financial institutions aren't the only groups gearing up for Y2K.

Granite City has about 70 citizen band radio operators ready to assist the communi-

"Our emergency operations center will be in the basement of the police department, equipped with backup generators in case of a power outage. It will be manned from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m."

Ray Schultz
Granite City emergency coordinator

ty should telephone service be interrupted. Ray Schultz, emergency coordinator for the city, would like to see even more community members with their "ears on" New Year's Eve.

"It's safe to say our numbers are good, but we would like to have more CB operators available," Schultz said. Schultz said that CB operators will be located in different areas of the city so that citizens will be able to contact the operator in their area by using the Channel 9 frequency.

"Our emergency operations center will be in the basement of the police department, equipped with backup generators in case of a power outage," Schultz said. "It will be manned from

10 p.m. to 2 a.m., or longer if necessary, ready to take their calls."

Those interested should contact Schultz at 779-4401 or 877-3157.

Schultz said he and other city officials believe the Y2K bug is more fiction than fact, but have been working out contingency plans in case computer glitches do arise.

"I believe we're more than ready, but we're not taking any chances," Schultz said. "We've been working on this since March."

In case of an emergency, the police department will be used as a heat shelter, as well as schools in the district, the Brown Recreational Building and the township hall.

In addition, Schultz said

the police department and its 911 systems are Y2K compliant, the fire department will have extra staff and will have a water tanker on hand in case of water pressure loss, police services will be backed up with a 6 cylinder diesel generator, a 500-gallon fuel tank will be on hand at the police department and the city's advanced warning system has a battery backup system.

Despite the city's preparedness, Schultz said citizens should prepare for Y2K as they would for a winter storm. "People shouldn't take this lightly," Schultz said. "It's better to get the necessities and play it safe."

(Staff writer Curtiss Hartley provided some information for this story.)

Man charged with attacking pregnant wife

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

A former Edwardsville man who got off with a five-year sentence for kicking his fiancée in the abdomen in the killing her unborn twins is

back in jail for allegedly abusing the same woman, who again is pregnant.

George Villarreal III, 23, of the 1400 block of First Street in Cottage Hills, was arrested on a charge of aggravated battery Wednesday night after his wife, Tyra Villarreal, 24, called deputies from the

Madison County Sheriff's Department to the family home.

The victim called authorities at 10:42 p.m., and when deputies arrived on the scene, she claimed George Villarreal had knocked her to the floor and was choking her. Villarreal was arrested without incident.

Details about what prompted the attack were not available. It also was unknown whether the woman or the unborn child was injured.

Bond was set at \$250,000 Thursday by Circuit Judge Ann Callis. The suspect was held Thursday in the Madison County Jail.

Villarreal was sentenced to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections in March 1997 after entering an Alford plea in Madison County Circuit Court in the deaths of his unborn twins. He was accused of kicking Tyra Berning, who was his fiancée at the time, in the abdomen during a family

row, causing the deaths of the children.

The incident occurred while the couple was living in the 400 block of Cherry Street in Edwardsville.

Villarreal was accused of kicking his girlfriend two times in the abdomen on Jan. 4, 1996. Initially, he was charged with aggravated battery, but the charge was upgraded when the injuries caused the babies to be born prematurely, which led to their deaths.

At the time of the first incident, Berning pleaded with authorities to go easy on Villarreal, claiming the kicking was an accident and probably her fault.

"I walked into it," she testified at a hearing.

The couple since has married.

At the request of Villarreal's attorney, Thomas Hildebrand, Circuit Judge J. Lawrence Keshner amended the sentence so that it could be served in boot camp. Court records conflict as to whether Villarreal was released in 1998 or 1999.

Venice taxes lowered

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In September, American Fiber Corp. and the city had negotiated an agreement for an easement allowing the company to put in a fiber-optic cable pipeline on city property near the levee.

Although the agreement had not been signed, the company took a chance that it would be and started construction on the project.

The easement would have been for two 20-year periods.

However, the American Fiber Comm sent back a modified agreement, saying companies interested in using the service wanted the lease in perpetuity or forever.

Nighthosian said the proposed agreement the company sent back had "substantial" changes.

At last week's meeting, Mayor Tyrone Echols said negotiations had started, and asked Council to extend the deadline.

Holidays can be trying

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Dieters should try to maintain a goal of staying at their current weight, not gaining or losing. To help reduce your anxiety at holiday parties, bring healthy snacks as a contribution to the party.

Often times, the environment plays a role in the holiday blues.

Many people miss the sunshine, which tends to make them more depressed and moody.

If the holiday blues become too much to handle for you or someone you know, seek professional help through community mental health agencies or a physician.

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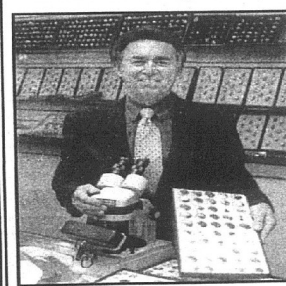


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Initiate process of change when making resolutions



Dennis O'Brien
FAMILY MATTERS

Every New Year's, Americans take time to reflect on the past, look into the future and plan personal changes to enhance the quality of their lives and benefit loved ones, especially family members.

Well-intended resolutions sometimes translate into lasting changes. However, they often result in a spurt of effort, followed by a lapse into the same old self-defeating behaviors.

Resolutions need not be futile. The beginning of this New Year, and the next millennium, can actually serve as a springboard for truly constructive changes, if the process is approached correctly.

Here are some tips:

- Initiate a process of change, rather than setting your sights on attaining an ideal, remote objective.
- Concentrating on the final result of an inspiring, long-term goal often results in discouragement and quitting, due to the angst it generates.
- Make resolutions as practical and specific as you can.

If a goal cannot be broken down into concrete, behavioral terms, it probably will not promote a definitive change in behavior.

Instead of setting out to achieve overnight results, efforts to make consistent change that bring you steadily closer to the achievement of a major goal.

For example, losing 30 pounds may seem like an overwhelming prospect, but committing yourself to exercising three times each week and improving your diet in a few specific ways is practical and achievable. Once under way, keep your focus

on maintaining your efforts, not on measuring results, until you feel comfortable moving to the next level of effort.

- Use scheduling to improve.
- Identify times, places and people that may be involved in your efforts. For instance, if you want to improve your relationship with your children, schedule activities with them each week in your monthly planner. If something comes up, reschedule.
- Use teamwork for support.

Working as a group provides mutual encouragement to stick with a plan, whether it is dieting, exercising or maintaining a schedule for keeping the house organized.

- Re-evaluate your strategy after you have achieved some initial success.

Although you don't want to jump to the next level of change prematurely, once you feel confident that you

have made solid progress toward your objective, it's time to determine whether another, perhaps more challenging, phase can be undertaken.

- Plan for all successive phases just like the first one - by focusing on the process and being as specific and practical as you can.

Don't make the next step so ambitious that you discourage yourself. Smaller steps will allow you to gradually build your momentum and your confidence.

- Don't be too hard on yourself when resolutions become difficult to maintain.

Setbacks and discouragement are normal. Re-evaluate your plan and improve your strategy, but don't abandon your objective.

Remember, if the changes you wanted to make in your life were easy, you probably wouldn't need to make New

Year's resolutions to inspire yourself.

Keep in mind the commitment you've made to the process of change. Realize the results you are seeking will only be achieved by sticking to your plan.

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Thomas Austin Sr.

THOMAS E. AUSTIN SR., 82, of Granite City, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 1999, at John Cochran VA Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born Aug. 20, 1917, in Rolla, Mo. Mr. Austin was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He worked for American Steel Foundries in Granite City for 42 years, retiring in 1979. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Granite City.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen (Morris) Austin, whom he married Jan. 25, 1942. Other survivors include three daughters, Mary Jones of Santa Monica, Calif., Rosetta Helvey of Houston and Lavonne Wieland of St. Charles, Mo.; a son, Thomas Austin Jr. of Granite City; five brothers, Oscar Austin of West Bloomfield, Mich., Lee Austin of St. Louis, Robert Austin of Blytheville, Ark., Glenn Austin of Florida and Clifford Austin of Independence, Mo.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, Thomas and Elsie (Murphy-Hawkins) Austin; a daughter, Carol Ann Martin; three brothers, Moses Austin, Lloyd Austin and Floyd Austin; and two sisters, Mildred Couch and Roberta Storrer.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. today at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City with the Rev. Fred Boatright officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights. Memorials may be made to the VFW in Granite City.

Barbara Carter



BARBARA J. (GROTE) CARTER, 63, of St. Louis, died at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, 1999, at Christian Hospital Northeast in St. Louis.

She was born March 1, 1946, in Granite City. Mrs. Carter was a homemaker. She graduated from Granite City High School.

She is survived by her husband, Robert L. Carter, a son, Matthew Carter of St. Louis; a daughter, Audra Carter of St. Louis; a brother, Edward Grote of Granite City and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lester Edwin and Allene (Hutchings) Grote.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Concord Baptist Church in Rice with the Rev. Steven Hamilton officiating. Burial will be in Concord Cemetery in Rice.

ing. Burial was in Valhalla Gardens of Memory in Belleville.

George Crews

GEORGE FRANKLIN CREWS, 56, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1999, in Kearney, Neb.

He was born Feb. 13, 1943, in Jennings, Mo. Mr. Crews was a U.S. Army National Guard veteran. He was a longtime resident in the Metro East Area and member of St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City.

He is survived by a daughter, Amber Crews of Granite City; two brothers, Darrell Crews of Granite City and Dwight Crews of Edwardsville and two former spouses, Rose Crews and Judy Crews, both of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marion and Lula (Stinson) Crews; a sister, Loretta Ridge and a brother, Edwin Crews.

Funeral services were Tuesday at St. John United Church of Christ with the Rev. Denise McGary officiating.

Irwin Chapel in Granite City handled the arrangements. Memorials may be made to St. John United Church of Christ.

Ruby Duncan

RUBY L. (MC INTOSH) DUNCAN, 90, of State Park, died Friday, Dec. 24, 1999.

She was born Oct. 1, 1909, in Graves County, Ky. Mrs. Duncan was a press operator for Model Laundry. She was a retired member of Textile Processors Union Local 108 in East St. Louis.

She is survived by six children, Lawrence Duncan, Melvin Duncan, Jerry Duncan, Cecelia Outland and Barbara Metheny, all of Collinsville and Aubrey Duncan of Granite City; a sister, Dora Byssone of Clinton, Ky.; 19 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J. Edward Duncan; her parents, Bradford and Ida Mae (Lofman) McIntosh; two sons, James Edward Duncan and Walter Duncan; a daughter, Rose Zeigler; two brothers, Tommy and Henry McIntosh; two sisters, Bertha Marshall and Lonie Jones and a granddaughter, Melanie Tomlinson.

Funeral services were Monday at Kassy Mortuary Chapel in Fairview Heights with the Rev. Ralph McGowan officiating. Burial was in

St. John's Cemetery in Collinsville.

Shirley Elbe

SHIRLEY ELBE, 62, of Collinsville, died at 8:41 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Feb. 2, 1937, in Collinsville. Miss Elbe was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Collinsville.

She is survived by her mother, Thelma (Kraft) Elbe of Maryville; a daughter, Tina Elbe of Granite City; a brother, Carl Elbe of Blaine, Minn.; and a sister, Iris Hostler of Arlington, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her father, Edward Elbe and a sister, Sharon Connour.

Memorial services were Tuesday at Herr Funeral Home in Collinsville with the Rev. Ronald Janson officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Collinsville.

Lois Hansen

LOIS M. (CHRISTENSEN) HANSEN, 71, of Granite City, died at 11:36 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1999, at her residence.

She was born June 28, 1928, in Elkhorn, Iowa. Mrs. Hansen was a homemaker. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and past president of the VFW Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Charles L. Hansen, whom she married Aug. 23, 1946. Other survivors include a daughter, Cheryl Egertoff of Pontoon Beach; two sons, Chuck Hansen of Granite City and Tom Hansen of Westphal of Sioux City, Iowa; and Linda Namany of Atlantic, Iowa.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Nels and Edna Christensen.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with VFW 1300 Women's Auxiliary services at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Warren Hultines officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to Family Hospice of Belleville.

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Now that all the merry-making of the season is winding down, it's time to start thinking about getting the house back to normal. Here are a few tips to help everything go smoother.

Removing the lights from the tree with care is a must. This is true with all lights, indoors and out alike. Place each string in a suitable box or wrap them with newspaper so they'll stay separated. When it comes time to bring them back out next year, you'll be glad you did.

A great deal of care must be taken with glass ornaments, since they break easily. A beautiful heirloom ornament can be reduced to shreds from careless handling, not to mention the danger of the particles being stepped on. Their original box is the best place to store 'em, but if the box has somehow managed to disappear, they can be individually wrapped with newspaper or some other packing material. The air-filled "bubble" type material is excellent, but try to provide a little extra for the kids to snap and pop or you won't have any left for ornaments!

Live Trees

Make sure everything has been removed from the tree before taking it down. A small ornament or two can easily be hidden amidst the greenery and end up lost forever.

If you purchased a tree removal bag, you have it made. Slide the bag up and over the tree. Before laying the tree on its side, remember that the stand should be full of water, so get ready for spillage. Remove the tree stand and drag the tree away. With the bag, you should have few, if any, needles lying around.

If you don't have a tree removal bag, follow the same procedure as above, but try to carry the tree as much as possible instead of dragging it. Trunk end first through doorways eliminates a lot of giggles from the kids.

All that's left for you to do is vacuum up the needles, and you should do it as soon as possible, especially if you tend to walk around without shoes. Dried-out tree needles, tack, pin... all equally

miserable to step on.

Now, what do you do with the tree? Here are a few suggestions.

You may want to chip the branches and trunk for a great flower and garden mulch. If you have a recycling center nearby, they may be able to refer you to someone who can turn the tree into mulch.

Place the tree standing upright in your back yard. No, it won't come back to life, but it will be a welcome haven for birds. String popcorn on the tree or "care-decorate" with succ bells, orange slices, bread and bird food. You'll be sure of sweet sounds from the birds as long as the tree holds out.

Strip branch tips and needles from the tree and use to create fragrant sachets and potpourri.

Your community probably has made its policy concerning Christmas trees known, i.e., if and when they can be picked up at curbside, taken to a recycling center, etc. Make sure you know all the facts before dragging it out to the curb.

Lifelike Trees

Not much space is devoted to lifelike tree removal because there's not much to it. If you have to remove the branches, make sure you keep each row's branches separate or it'll turn into a chore next year. Pack it and the stand in its box (yes, it will fit) or any suitable container and stash it where it's out of the way.

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John Hubert

JOHN E. HUBERT, 76, of Edwardsville, died at 1:13 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999, in Anna Henry, N.H.

He was born Jan. 28, 1923, in Gillespie. Mr. Hubert was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He worked as a laborer at Nestle in Granite City for 13 years, retiring in 1966.

He is survived by three children; a sister and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise (Charpentier) Hubert; his parents, John and Alma (Kuehn) Hubert; and a daughter, Irwin Chapel in Granite City handled the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to ADAPT Client Support Fund in Edwardsville (not tax deductible) or Madison County Sheltered Care Home in Edwardsville.

George Klein

GEORGE RUH KLEIN, 52, of Granite City, died at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999, at Maryville Manor in Maryville.

He was born May 10, 1947, in Tallula. Mr. Klein was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He was a self-employed livestock broker at National Stockyards for 45 years, retiring in 1985. He was past president of Mitchell Kiwanis Club 1959, member of Mitchell Volunteer Fire Department and past Elder of Mitchell Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Velma (Miller) Klein, whom he married Sept. 21, 1940. Other survivors include two daughters, Linda (Beltz) of St. Louis and Darla (Lewis) of Glen Carbon; two sons, Randall Klein of St. Louis and David Klein of Sorrento; a sister, Kathryn Smith of Tallula; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George E. and Lona (Madison) Klein; an infant son, George Klein; a brother, Loran Klein; a sister, Iris; and an infant sister.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. today at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Lewis Trotter officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

EUGENE "GENO" SMART JR., 42, of Granite City, died at 7:37 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, 1999.

He was born Dec. 11, 1957, in St. Louis. Mr. Smart was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was a maintenance worker for the Daniels Realty Group. He is survived by his wife, Karen (Gaines) Smart; his parents, Eugene and Frances (Lewellyn) Smart Sr.; a son, Michael Smart of Granite City; and two sisters, Patricia Bridges and Betty Smart, both of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by two infant sons, David and Joshua. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. McGary officiating.

Memorial may be made to Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children in St. Louis.

Naomi Martin

NAOMI H. (PARKEY) MARTIN, 72, of Granite City, died at 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1999, at her residence.

She was born Oct. 31, 1922, in Middletown, Mo. Mrs. Martin worked as a laboratory technician at Prairie Farms Dairy in Granite City for 30 years, retiring in 1987. She was a member of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church in Granite City.

She is survived by a son, Donald Martin of Carlinville; three daughters, Sharon Pope, Debra Nicholas and Ruby Martin, all of Granite City; three grandchildren, Amy Martin of Rockford, Stacy Martin of Edwardsville and Kelsea Nicholas of Granite City; and a great-grandson, Dallas Norman of Edwardsville. She was preceded in death by her husband, Melton V. Martin, whom she married Oct. 15, 1947; her parents, Leslie and Marnie D. (White) Parkey; two sisters, Thelma Powell and Lessa Mae Brunning; and a granddaughter, Courtney Lace Nicholas.

Graveside services were Tuesday at St. John Cemetery in Granite City with the Rev. Brian Graughian officiating.

Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City handled the arrangements. Memorials may be made to the American Heart or American Lung associations.

Sandra Payne

SANDRA L. (RUTTER) PAYNE, 52, of Edwardsville, died at 5:12

p.m. Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She was born Dec. 25, 1946, in Granite City. Mrs. Payne was a bookkeeper for Coordinated Youth and Human Services in Granite City. She was a member of Salvation Army Church in Granite City.

She is survived by her husband, Charles David Payne, her mother, Margaret Wyatt, a daughter, Lisa Walton of Edwardsville; six sisters, Joyce Brazel of New Douglas, Donna Hild of Granite City, Faith Nunn of St. Louis, Bev Henley of Collinsville, Theresa Turner of St. Louis and Cindy DeGonia of Madison; two brothers, Keith Rutter of St. Louis and Dennis Rutter of Madison; and a grandson, David Walton of Edwardsville.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence Rutter.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. at Irwin-Scott Chapel in Glen Carbon with Capt. Ben Stillwell officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army of Granite City.

Leo Salmon

LEO MAE (ABEL) SALMON, 84, of Madison, died at 12:40 a.m. Friday, Dec. 24, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born May 9, 1915, in Rienzi, Miss. Mrs. Salmon was a homemaker. She was a member of Delray Rebekah Lodge and past mistress of Harmony Encampment Auxiliary 102 in Dupe.

She is survived by a son, Hal Salmon of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; a daughter, Nancy Lissel of Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister, Velma Terry of Alabama; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William E. Salmon; her parents, John and Thelma Abel and a son, John Allen Salmon. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Carl Watkins officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Memorials may be made to the Rebekah Lodge of Madison.

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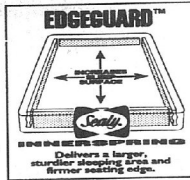
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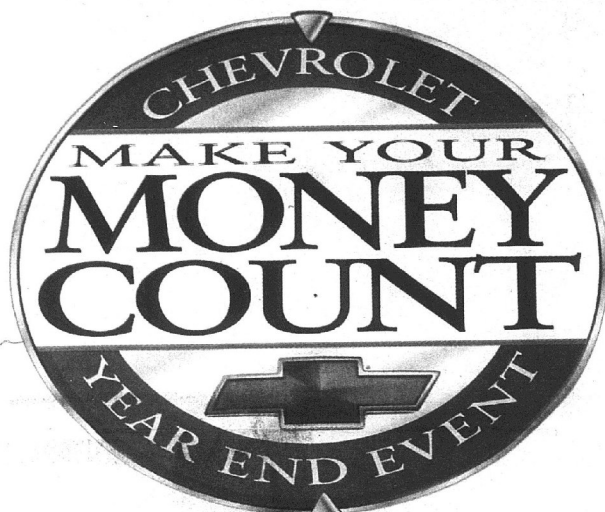
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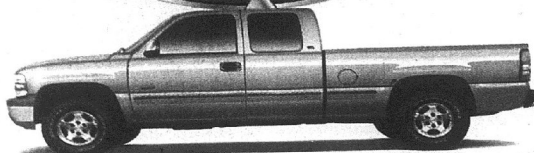


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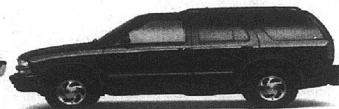
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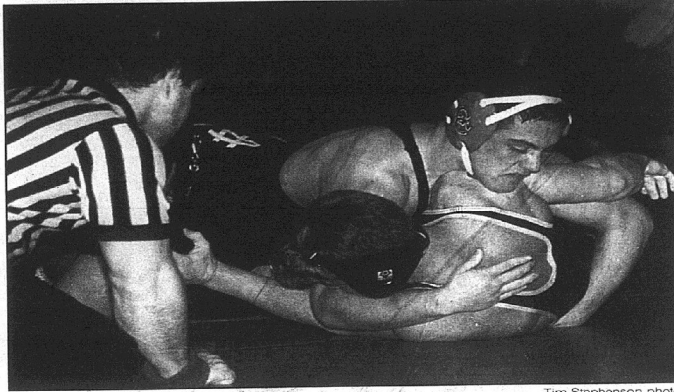
By Rick Broome
Staff writer

As the 39th Annual William "Red" Schmidt Holiday Wrestling Tournament gets underway, the Granite City faithful should take a look at a throw-back to the glory days — senior 171-pounder George Kirgan.

Kirgan, who finished third in the IHSA Class AA tournament last year at 160 pounds, knows that he and the Warriors can expect to struggle this year as a new rotation of youngsters filters into the mix.

"We have a bunch of younger guys," Kirgan said. "Sheldon Murphy, our 112-pounder, who is really around 95 pounds, is a freshman. At 125 pounds, instead of having Chad Wilson, who has the flu, we have Brad Wyatt. He is a sophomore. Mike Dowdy, at 135 pounds, is a sophomore. He is going to be pretty tough I think. Jim Treake at 140 pounds is just a sophomore. Pat Fiegenbutz is a freshman, he is at 145 pounds. We have a lot of freshmen and sophomores in key positions.

"Our team is a little slow



Granite City senior George Kirgan boasts a 13-0 record at 171 pounds this year. Kirgan placed third at 160 pounds in the IHSA Class AA Tournament last year.

right now. We have a lot of younger kids on the team who are starting to build up. You can tell that they are getting a little better and a little tougher each week."

Kirgan, along with juniors Jake Trtanj and Steve Peach, bring experience to the squad. Both Trtanj and Peach went

along for the ride last year at state. Kirgan, meanwhile, boasts a 13-0 record this year with 11 pins, a technical fall and a forfeit victory.

"He is working real hard," said proud father and Granite City coach Allen Kirgan. "I know there is no one in the room who

works harder than he does, and there is probably no one in the state who works harder than he does. He does the extra stuff, he works hard, and hopefully that will rub off on the other kids and they will start doing it as well."

"I am going to stay at 171

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Amid several byes, GCHS does well in opening rounds

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Action got underway Monday afternoon in the 39th Annual William "Red" Schmidt Holiday Wrestling Tournament at Granite City.

The host Warriors got through the morning round without much trouble. Steve Peach (103 pounds), Sheldon Murphy (112 pounds), Jake Trtanj (119 pounds), and George Kirgan (171 pounds) had first-round byes.

Brad Wyatt (125 pounds) wrestled Belleville West's David Wier and won by fall in 4:49. Tom Tedesco (130 pounds) teched O'Fallon's Greg Conrad as the third-period whistle blew the match dead.

Mike Dowdy (135 pounds) lost to Mt. Zion's Jason Pullen, 9-1 and fell into the loser's bracket. Jim Treake (140 pounds) had no trouble with Mahomet Seymour's Brandon Arnold, winning 9-5.

Freshman Pat Fiegenbutz (145 pounds) dropped a 13-4 decision to Belleville East's Mike Brenner, and Jason Imboden (152 pounds) was teched by Edgewood's Jacob Greco in 3:56.

Brian Beyrau got Granite back on track at 160 pounds, pin-

ning Bethalto Civic Memorial's Chris Hall in 5:02. Bobby Grammer (189 pounds) needed just 1:10 to plant Triad's Josh Miller and Jake Janek (215 pounds) pinned Oakville's (Mo.) Jeremy Herman in 5:28.

"Jake wrestled a pretty good kid from Oakville," Granite City coach Allen Kirgan said. "He got a pin. He just wore the kid out with better conditioning."

Ed Ray fell in the heavy-weight division to St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North's Dan Woldengen in 1:41. Peach started off the second round by pinning Hazelwood (Mo.) Central's Mike Dobrinitz in 3:28, but Murphy lost to Howell North's Gabe Fowler.

Trtanj took care of Hazelwood Central's Arnold Hale 14-5, but Wyatt fell to Belleville West state contender Joe Rujawitz in 46 seconds.

Tedesco teched Hazelwood Central's Aaron Dachroeden in 4:53 to advance in the winners' bracket.

"I haven't ever wrestled him before," Tedesco said. "I thought I wrestled pretty well. I thought I could have pinned him but there was no time left."

"Tommy is wrestling really well," Kirgan said. "He has two technical falls today. The big thing about this tournament is

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Thunder rides eight-game unbeaten streak into break

Local Junior B team boasts 19-11-2 record, plays Jan. 7-9

Special to the Journal

More than halfway through its schedule, the St. Louis Thunder junior hockey team seems headed for an impressive season.

The Thunder, based out of the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights, has a 19-11-2 record. It is continuing to score an average of more than five goals per game while lowering its goals-against average to 2.5 during an eight-game unbeaten streak.

The team's home record is 10-4-2, including three games against the Belleville Blackhawks, outscoring them 30-7. Recently the Thunder made some personnel moves in preparation for a USA Hockey invitational tournament it hopes to host in March.

Goalender Mike Dunscombe and forward Ryan McKinney are no longer on the team.

Local goalender Marc Power has joined the Thunder and is hoping to return to the form that helped lead O'Fallon High School to the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association championship last year.

After the first of the year, some AAA midget players from St. Louis are expected to move up as well.

The Thunder played few games in December and players took the opportunity to recuperate from illnesses and injuries.

"We needed the break in December to recharge the batteries," said Thunder coach Joe Lebrzyk. "The months of January and February and the first part of March will be used to get ready for the possible USA Hockey National Invitational Tournament, which we hope to host."

"We are submitting our proposal to USA Hockey in January and with over eight teams interested, I don't expect a problem. We should have teams from Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, Maryland, Indiana, Oklahoma and Florida, allowing local fans an opportunity to watch some excellent hockey."

Current scoring leaders for the Thunder are:

- Jim Rogers (21 goals, 23 assists, 44 points)

- Kevin Papproth (20 goals, 23 assists, 43 points)

- Carl Coleman (14 goals, 26 assists, 40 points)

- Bobby Meszaros (eight goals, 17 assists, 25 points)

- John Stier (13 goals, 10 assists, 23 points). Stier has been sidelined for the past five games with a broken hand and should return to the team shortly.

The defensive leaders are Steve Tukic (four goals, 12 assists); Adam Weygandt (three

goals, nine assists); Houston Dare (zero points), Gary Miller (two goals, five assists) and Kyle Scherrer (two goals, five assists).

Derrick Lebrzyk is the starting goaltender and posted a 2.00 goals-against average against a University of Missouri-St. Louis club team. He allowed only four goals in 97 shots in two games for a .960 save percentage.

Joe Lowry is the No. 2 goalie and allowed only one goal out of 24 shots in a recent game against the Blackhawks for a .960 save percentage.

The Thunder is giving \$1 for every goal it scores to the Hawk Youth Hockey Association. The total currently stands at \$173.

"We are trying to get more involved with local youth hockey programs in order to show them that we care," Joe Lebrzyk said.

"Youth hockey is our lifeblood and we need it to be very successful in order to have a future pool of players to draw from."

The Thunder's next home stand will be Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and Jan. 9 at 8:45 a.m. against the St. John Outlaws. Lebrzyk's team will face the Belleville Blackhawks 8 p.m. Jan. 7 at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex. The contest is listed as an away game for the Thunder.

Thunder tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and \$1 for youth hockey association players wearing a jersey.



Bobby Meszaros, who plays for the Illinois Warriors in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association, is one of the leading scorers for the St. Louis Thunder Junior B hockey team. Meszaros has eight goals and 17 assists for 25 points.

Comanches hand Collinsville its first defeat of season

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

In the Christmas spirit, the Collinsville ice hockey club decided to give rather than receive on Sunday.

The Kahoks suffered their first loss of the season and gave Cahokia a late present — a 6-0 decision at U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights.

Collinsville fell to 5-1-2 and is a point behind Belleville East (6-3-1) in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association's Southern Division.

"We got blown out by a team that has won three games all year," Collinsville coach Dave Oberkell said.

"Nobody likes to lose. I hate to lose. I might be the worst at losing in the league. All we can do is put it behind us. We can make all the excuses but we just lost."

"We could see it coming with the way things were going lately in some of the practices. We've had to really push them to try to make them work hard. We're a bit lackadaisical. We needed a little bit of a reality check. We need to make sure we don't have another hurt like this on Tuesday against Alton."

Collinsville played just two defensive

lines against Cahokia. Just three of the Kahoks' regular defensemen were in uniform for the game. Defensemen Justin Rogers and Mike Logsdon both were out of the lineup nursing injuries. Rogers most likely will miss the remainder of the season with an anterior or cruciate ligament injury. Logsdon separated his shoulder in the 2-2 with Bethalto Civic Memorial on Dec. 19.

Another player was visiting a family member in Florida.

Kahoks JV squad wins

The Collinsville junior varsity team climbed over the .500 mark with a 5-2

victory against Triad on Dec. 21. Collinsville sophomore Dorian Vincent scored a pair of goals and assisted on another in the opening period.

Vincent's first goal came with 7:42 left in the opening stanza. He took a pass in the neutral zone, moved around one defender and blizzared a shot past Triad netminder Clint Fischer.

Vincent scored again at 3:15.

He closed his impressive opening period when he fed Bobby Burns at the face-off circle. Burns ripped a shot through traffic and into the back of the net.

In the second period, the Kahoks

took advantage of a 5-3 power play to make it 4-0. Chris Olliver had a pass over to Cameron Klein, who scored with 4:51 remaining in the second. Just 26 seconds later, Richardson found eighth-grader A.J. Barbartto, whose one-timer rounded out scoring for the Kahoks.

Triad sophomore Jon McPeak snapped Chris Olliver's shutout bid with a goal with one minute remaining in the second stanza. Triad picked up its second goal with 39 seconds left in the game when Chris Ulrich scored a short-handed tally.

The Collinsville JV squad next plays Jan. 2 against Mascoutah.

Menendez adds one more honor

East St. Louis native to join another Hall

When he retired from San Jose (Calif.) State University in 1990, after 36 years of soccer coaching, East St. Louis native Julius Menendez was saluted by a list of celebrities - including Dick Vermiel, John Madden and Bill Walsh of football fame and the Smothers brothers of entertainment fame - all with ties to the university.



Art Voellinger

Olympic competition - will become the 34th member of the National Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame.

Menendez is nationally recognized for more than collegiate soccer record of 295-175-45 that included eight Pacific Coast Conference titles and two national postseason appearances, including a Final Four trip in 1969.

"We all played soccer when we were kids, but Julie got involved with boxing at an early age under the guidance of the late Pop Myles and was a St. Louis Golden Gloves champion and later a welterweight as a pro," said Julie's brother, Art Menendez of Granite City.

After serving with the Navy Air Force in World War II, Julie earned a bachelor's degree at San Jose State in 1950 and became an assistant boxing coach there after hand injuries ended his professional career with a 15-1 record.

After the San Jose State boxing coach died in a ranch accident, Julie became the head coach in 1952 and coached boxing and soccer starting in 1953. No other collegiate coach matched his three consecutive NCAA boxing titles from 1958 to 1960. He coached 15 NCAA boxing champions and guided 23 All-Americans.

No other person has coached Olympic teams in two different sports as Menendez did for the United States - coaching soccer as an assistant in 1972 and as head coach in 1976 after having been the head coach for boxing in 1960.

He also has published books on the respective sports, "Better

"It was in Rome in '60 that he made a move that many people are unaware of," said Art Menendez. "He moved Cassius Clay (now Muhammad Ali) to the light heavyweight division and he won a gold medal there."

A graduate of East St. Louis Senior High School, Julie graduated cum laude from San Jose State and earned a master's degree from Stanford University. He taught 17 different graduate and undergraduate courses in the physical education department there.

City grade school principal who was a shortstop in high school and at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Another brother, Jack, who resides in Belleville, was an outfielder at East Side.

Julie Menendez, who was also named to the San Jose and California halls of fame, resides with his wife Doris in Morgan Hill, Calif. They have three children who can be most proud of their father's accomplishments, which stretch from 40th and Waverly streets in East St. Louis to world recognition.

Overtime

According to Art Menendez, when Julie suffered a broke left arm as a youngster at Hawthorne Grade School, the injury may have been a blessing in disguise since Julie then used boxing to rehabilitate the arm. "Oddly enough, his left jab became his most potent force in the ring," said Art.

Julie, who was inducted into the San Jose Hall of Fame with Olympic skating star Peggy Fleming, Julie said of his achievements: "When I was a kid, I dreamed of boxing in Madison Square Garden (in New York) and I boxed there twice. I always thought I wanted to be an Olympic coach. I also did that twice.... I think you build your goals on dreams and you work hard."



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The Steelers, sponsored by Dr. Valcoff, won the Granite City Parks District league championship with a 13-1 record. The team also won first place in the playoffs. Members of the team pictured are (from left): In front - Chelsey Peery; Second row - Shannon Paoli, Katie Lloyd, Liz Lloyd, Tina Maloney, Amanda Coppotelli; Third row - coach Don Lloyd, eighth grader, David B. Kellie, Not Worthen, Kerl Allison, Kerl Olsen, Jessica Vasiliuk, eighth grader, David B. Kellie, Not pictured are: coach Dave Rosenberg, Doreen Rosenberg, Sarah Jackstadt, Julie Whittington, eighth grader, Altkhenck, Kerl Qusley, Ashley Burdge.

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Sports

Classics earn bronze medal in Senior Olympics

Several Madison County residents on team's roster

The Illinois Classics were a hit in the National Senior Olympics, held in late October at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla.

The Classics, a women's softball team made up primarily of women from Madison County, won the bronze medal at the event, beating the Silver Belles from Canada 10-6.

Sally McCauley and Mary Ellen Schwehr each went 2 for 3 in the final game.

The Illinois Classics competed against 11 other teams in the 60-64 age group from all across the United States and Canada.

At the beginning of the tournament, the Illinois Classics entered pool play against the Silver Belles of California in the tightest game of the round-robin stage.

The Classics won 8-7 in a

well-played game. Myrna Schoolfield went 2 for 3.

Schwehr, meanwhile, went a perfect 2 for 2 and had a key three-RBI double to propel the Classics to victory.

Game Two pitted the Classics against the Silver Belles of Nevada. The Classics used 15 hits to win 2-2.

Phyllis Walker was 2 for 2 while Sharon Schaefer, Alice Stille, and Betty Arbeiter were each 2 for 3.

Walker hit a home run, and Schaefer spunked a triple to key the victory by the Classics.

The Classics went into Game Three against Georgia's Gran Shamers, sponsored by Ryan Klesko of Major League Baseball's Atlanta Braves.

However, the final score belied the Southerners' name, as the Classics ran over the Gran Shamers 25-0.

Cheryl Byrnes, Schaefer, Dot Kimberlin, Dot Creamer and Arbeiter were all 2 for 2. Schoolfield, Schwehr and Alice Mohr punched home runs.

Pitcher Fran Page tossed a perfect game, surrendering no hits and no runs.

The Classics advanced to the championship round, where their pool-play record won them a

first-round bye and an automatic ticket into the semifinals.

The Classics began the semis by facing the Blue Diamonds of California.

The Classics started slowly and but rallied late. It still wasn't enough, and the Blue Diamonds won 10-4.

The Classics only knocked out six hits in the game. Lois Shafer was the lone bright spot for the Classics, going 2 for 3.

The loss put the Classics in the bronze medal game.

Team members include Frances Page, Charlotte Pyle, and Betty Arbeiter from Granite City; Alice Stille and Lorene Knackstedt from Alhambra; Phyllis Walker from Moro; Dot Creamer and Charmaine Sobkowski from Edwardsville; Sally McCauley, Lois Shafer, Sharon Schaefer and Mary Ellen Schwehr from Troy; Cheryl Byrnes from St. Jacob; Dot Kimberlin from Highland; Myrna Schoolfield from Camdenton, Mo.; and Alice Mohr from St. Louis.

Team coaches are Bob Schoolfield of Camdenton and Bob Page of Granite City.

Lockhart wins 1st place

Shelbie Lockhart, 9, competes as a Level 6 gymnast at the World Class Gymnastics in Fairview Heights.



Shelbie Lockhart, 9, competes as a Level 6 gymnast for World Class Gymnastics.

Shelbie won first place all-around at the B.I.G. meet on Dec. 19 in St. Louis with a 36.40 score (9.35 in the vault, 8.85 on the uneven bars, 9.0 on the balance beam, and 9.2 in the floor exercise).

The Girls level 6 team is undefeated so far this year. Shelbie will go on to compete in the state meet, slated for March 11-12 in Chicago.

Warriors use event to prepare for state

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getting to the second day. The first day is just about eliminating the eight and you start with a whole new tournament. He is undefeated today and he has one match left, so he is in the second day. Of course you don't want to lose any matches, but those are big points."

Dowdy came back to win his losers' bracket tilt with Howell North's Sean Turner in 5-14. But Treake fell into the bottom half of the draw with a loss to Allhoff's highly-regarded Dustin Schloeman.

Schloeman is one of the better kids in the area," Kirgan said. "That 140-pound group is stacked in the top half of the bracket. Probably the six best kids in the tournament are in the top half, which is unfortunate, because two of them aren't going to come out."

The Warriors went into this annual clash of titans short-handed.

"We have five guys out with the flu," Kirgan said. "That doesn't help us much. We moved our junior varsity 145-pounder up to 152. He is just a sophomore with limited experience. But these kids have come in and they have wrestled hard. They haven't laid down for anybody. We have a freshman heavyweight in there, because Justin York has the flu. We have one senior in the line-up. (Chad) Wilson is out with the flu at 125 pounds. (Richie) Carney got beat in a challenge by Dowdy."

The first-round walk-throughs give the younger kids a chance to taste the action on the mats before jumping into the fire.

"We have had a lot of byes," Tedesco said. "Our team should pick it up later (Monday) night and (Tuesday)."

"The big thing with this early round is that we had a lot of byes," Coach Kirgan said. "To have those kids come back and win was real huge. My whole thing with tournament is that there isn't a whole lot of pressure on the team. The hardware they can win individually. The dual meets are for the team. You do it for the team because one person can't do it. Here, if one person lets somebody down he is letting himself down. If the individuals do what they are supposed to we will be fine."

For the Warriors, this tournament could be all about home turf and bragging rights, and those certainly play a part. But the focus remains on the postseason.

"It is always one of the biggest tournaments," George Kirgan said. "It is our home crowd and you always want to do well for your friends who come out to see you. But it's just like any other tournament in the long run. I would rather lose in this tournament than lose at state. State is the biggest thing and this tournament is a good warm-up for that. All these tournaments are just preparation for the big one at the end."

Kirgan leads young Warriors into tournament

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pounds," Kirgan said. "I feel good right now. I am getting stronger and tougher and I don't feel like beating myself up to get down to 150."

George is used to being coached by his dad from their days together in pee wee wrestling at the Granite City Wrestling Club and Coolidge

Middle School.

"It's not awkward at all having him here. I like it a lot," George Kirgan said. "If anything, it is better than it ever was. We are a little bit tighter now, our whole team is. It is more of a family almost."

"We are having some tough times, but we will get past those. We have a young team and we will end up gelling and having a good team by the end of the year. That's all that matters. As long as we wrestle well at regionals, sectionals and state we will be great. And in the next couple of years the program will be right back up there as strong as ever. We have a lot of tough kids coming up."

The Warriors coach thinks the younger Kirgan can inspire the younger ranks. "I would love to see him keep dominating people," Allen Kirgan said. "If he continues to work this hard, he will be fine."

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Name, School	Goals	Assists	Pts.
Bobby Meszaro, Warriors	10	14	24
Jim Rogers, Berthalo	17	7	24
Scott Warner, Alton Marquette	15	6	20

Name, School	Goals	Assists	Pts.
Brett Solberger, Warriors	9	9	18
John Stordahl, Warriors	8	8	16
Robby Meszaro, Warriors	10	4	14
Bradley, Berthalo	2	11	13
Nick Giedra, O'Fallon	3	9	12
Dustin Wesley, Warriors	3	9	11
Eric Heischmidt, Alton	5	5	11

Goal Leaders

Name, School	Goals
Bobby Meszaro, Warriors	10
Jim Rogers, Berthalo	17
Scott Warner, Alton Marquette	15

Player, School	Goals
Jim Rogers, Berthalo	17
Scott Warner, Alton Marquette	15
Robby Meszaro, Warriors	10
Brett Solberger, Warriors	9
John Stordahl, Warriors	8
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Nick Giedra, O'Fallon	3
Eric Heischmidt, Alton	5
Luke Fensler, Warriors	5
Andy Schult, Alton Marquette	5
Matt Mercie, Belleville West	5

Player, Team	Goals
Bobby Meszaro, Warriors	10
Bradley, Berthalo	2
Brett Solberger, Warriors	9
John Stordahl, Warriors	8
Dustin Wesley, Warriors	3
Jim Rogers, Berthalo	17
Scott Warner, Alton Marquette	15
Nathan Muller, Collinsville	6
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Game-Winning Goals
Player, Team
Goals, Team

Player, Team	Goals
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Solo Shutout Leaders
Player, Team
Goals, Team

Player, Team	Goals
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Bradley, Berthalo	2
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Save Leaders
Player, Team
Goals, Team

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Talented Mr. Ripley (R) 12:15, 3:15, 7:10, 10:30
Toy Story 2 (G) 1:15, 3:50, 7:05, 9:35

Any Given Sunday (R) 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:15
Stuart Little (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30
EASTGATE CINE
Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill., 254-5289
The Green Mile (R) 12:30, 4:20, 8:10

Man On The Moon (R) 1:10, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50
Toy Story 2 (G) 1:20, 4:10, 7:30, 9:40
Any Given Sunday (R) 12:50, 4:40, 8:00
Bicentennial Man (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:05
Anna And The King (PG-13) 12:40, 3:50, 7:00, 10:00

COTTONWOOD

EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA
Edwardsville, Ill., 656-6390
Sleepy Hollow (R) 7:30, 10:00
Anywhere But Here (R) 7:00, 9:40
The World Is Not Enough (PG-13) 6:45, 9:15

LINCOLN THEATER

103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill., 233-0123
Three Kings (R) 7:15, 9:30
Random Hearts (R) 7:00, 9:35
Superstar (PG-13) 7:05
House On Haunted Hill (R) 8:50

NAMEOKI CINEMA

30 Nameoki Village, 877-6630
Toy Story 2 (G) 6:45

Bicentennial Man (PG-13) 12:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:40
Anna And The King (PG-13) 12:25, 3:30, 7:00, 10:10
Sixth Sense (R) 1:30, 4:10, 6:40, 9:05
ROXANA CINE THEATER
Roxana, Ill., 254-6746
Stuart Little (PG) 7:00

ST. CLAIR 10
50 Ludwig Drive, 822-2463
Galaxy Quest (PG) 1:35, 4:20, 6:50, 9:15
Galaxy Quest (PG) 2:15, 5:15, 8:15
Deuce Bigalow (R) 1:25, 4:05, 6:30, 9:00
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End Of Days (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:15
Stuart Little (PG) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
Stuart Little (PG) 2:10, 4:10, 6:10, 8:10
Sleepy Hollow (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
Any Given Sunday (R) 1:05, 4:35, 6:05

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6633 Center Grove Rd., 559-7469
Galaxy Quest (PG) 11:15, 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40
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Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2000

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19) If you find yourself in the presence of a profound thinker today, be a good listener. This person might say something you could use to your advantage in furthering your aims.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Especially where someone else has already laid the foundation, a joint venture could hold more promise than usual for you today. This is true even if you end up playing a minor role.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The lesson of today may be that

real friendship works. From your efforts to help a pal you like achieve his/her aspirations, something beneficial could happen for you in the process.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) What may be the toughest part of your job today could be to clarify your objectives and goals properly, especially where your career is concerned. Once they're defined, the rest comes easy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The spotlight could be turned on you today regardless of your inventory or whether you seek attention or not. It'll be your appealing mannerism that will cause others to take notice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're always an adaptable individual, but today you might be more malleable than usual to changes initiated by others. However, these alterations will end up benefiting you the most.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If your common sense tells you today that something can be done more effectively with team-mates, forego any independent tendencies you might harbor. Partners are lucky for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will be rewarded in proportion to the efforts you expend today, so take pride in your tasks and assignments. Your compensation will reflect it if you truly do a good job.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When you take charge today, it won't ruffle anybody's features. In fact, any commanding presence you take will be recognized as a plus for others, rather than a liability.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It won't be that you'll be relegated to operating as the power behind the throne today, but because you'll choose it yourself. This is where you'll be the most comfortable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Use your influence over your intimate friends today in ways that does the greatest good for the largest number and you'll not only be more effective than usual, but the most popular.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Devote your maximum effort today to something in which you're presently involved that could be meaningful to you financially. Your possibilities for success look extremely good.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Season's Greetings

Now is right time to buy that bottle of champagne

By Stephanie Platt
Staff writer

Glasses of champagne will be lifted all over the world this New Year's Eve to toast the new millennium. Many people have already bought a special bottle of champagne to celebrate with.

If you haven't bought your own bottle of champagne this year, don't worry. Mark Rost, the manager of The Wine Merchant in Clayton, Mo., said that there is plenty of champagne left.

"I had people coming in four or five months ago searching for a special bottle for New Year's because they didn't think there would be any left. That's not correct. There will be plenty," Rost said.

Rost said that there is def-

initely hype about a lack of champagne for New Year's, but that most of it comes from the champagne makers themselves. He said that there was a greater demand for it this year and that the price of champagne has gone up from last year. A bottle of champagne can cost between \$15 and \$300 depending on the size and variety. Bottles come in sizes as large as 15 liters.

Rost recommended considering a smaller brand of champagne. He said that because the smaller champagne houses want to stay competitive their prices stay relatively the same. The smaller champagne brands have some great deals.

"I have my eye on a smaller brand called Ploze-Jacquemart non-vintage

brut. I'll be drinking that this New Year's," Rost said.

Just like wine, there are different varieties of champagne. There are three things to look for when you buy your champagne; the sweetness, the types of grapes used and if it is a vintage champagne or not.

Champagne is named by its sweetness. The sweetness is judged by how much residual sugar is left in the champagne.

A good type of champagne to accompany dessert is a demi-sec champagne. It is the sweetest champagne available.

The next level of sweetness is an extra-dry champagne. It has a little sweetness and is a very nice aperitif.

The most common champagne is brut champagne. It

is completely dry.

There is also an extra-brut champagne. The extra-brut has no residual sugar left. Rost said that it wasn't sour but it definitely had a different and very dry taste.

Champagne is also classified by the types of grapes that are used to make it.

Most champagnes are classified as rose champagne, which is a blend of red and white grapes.

However there are varieties called blanc du blanc and blanc du noir. Blanc du blanc is French for white of white. This type is made from only white grapes.

Blanc du noir is white champagne made from red grapes.

Non-vintage bottles of champagne are made from a house blend of grapes. A vin-

tage bottle contains grapes from only one specific harvest year.

The champagne can vary in taste from one year to the next.

Rost said he likes to use tall champagne flutes to drink from. He said that the bubbles have more surface area and that they have a longer way to travel to the top.

You might also want to chose a special set of champagne glasses to use New Year's Eve.

Rost sells a series of glasses by Riedel made of lead crystal from Austria. They range in price from \$7 to \$35 a stem. A nice feature of these glasses is that they have a small "X" or "O" etched into the bottom of the

glass. This allows the bubbles to attach to the surface and travel straight to the top.

"The bubbles shoot up like a ring of fire. It's spectacular," Rost said.

Many stores are selling special champagne glasses with the year 2000 incorporated into the design.

Waterford Crystal has an entire series of glass for the new millennium. These glasses feature themes of love, health and prosperity. The Waterford glasses cost about \$100 a pair and can be bought at local department stores.

What ever you choose to drink to toast the new millennium, make sure you drink responsibly and drive sober.

Millennium parties abound this year

The following is a sampling of New Year's Eve parties happening around town:

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Featuring Soul Kids and Gravity Kills
8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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Growlers Pub • St. Charles
\$55 per person doesn't include drink. \$75 per person includes: prime rib buffet dinner, open bar and DJ.

1600 Heritage Landing
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Growlers Pub • South County
\$25 per person, \$45 per couple, reservations required for dinner, which includes roasted duck, hal-

but or prime rib.

Open bar from 8 p.m. to close costs \$45 per person, \$85 per couple.

Evening includes DJ, party favors and beer toast at midnight.

3811 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
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Broadway Oyster Bar
Featuring Zydeco Crawdaddies

\$50 per person in advance, \$60 at the door includes: food buffet, domestic beer, wine and party favors. Champagne toast at midnight.

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Coco's
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The Fitchouse
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Season's Greetings

The right toast makes your celebration sparkle
Presentation is everything when pouring, enjoying wine

By Stephanie Platt
Staff writer

Bottles of champagne, tuxedos and elegant toasts are just a few of the things people will use to celebrate the new millennium. Tuxedo or not, you too can open a bottle and give a toast to the new year.

When you open a bottle of champagne, there are a few things to remember. You want a small pop and not a loud bang when you open the bottle. Point the bottle away from people.

Make sure you have a towel

handy.

Always chill your champagne first. "Champagne is meant to be served cold, but it will also prevent you from getting a fountain of champagne coming out of the bottle," Mark Rost, the manager at The Wine Merchant in Clayton, said.

To open the bottle - remove outer foil wrap and untwist but do not remove the wire cage. Keep a thumb on top of the bottle to prevent an unexpected pop of the cork. Cover the cork and wire cage with a cloth.

Holding the bottle at a 45-degree angle creates less pressure in the bottle's neck. Hold on to the cork and turn the bottle from the bottom. The cork should come off with a nice little pop.

Pour the champagne slowly down the side of a pristinely clean and soap-free, room-temperature champagne flute. Soap residue will prevent the bubbles from properly forming.

Allow the bubbles, which quickly form, to diminish, then slowly fill again.

After the glasses have all been filled it would be appropriate to make a toast.

Toasting began in early Greece as a way for the host to prove to his guest that the wine was not poisoned.

The host would take a drink and then raise his glass to invite his guest to do so.

The Roman's adopted this tradition and quickly turned it into a ritual.

It was termed toasting because the Romans would drop a piece of burnt bread into the wine to reduce the acidity of their bitter wine.

By the 1800s, toasting became an important aspect to any party.

It was a fashionable act of

flattery and wit.

It was a blatant insult if a guest was not toasted at a party.

Many cultures today believe, like the Romans, that the food and drink they chose at New Year's would foretell the personality of the year.

Toasting with champagne on New Year's would certainly foretell more luxurious living.

Toasting is not difficult, but you will want to have something in mind to say before you raise your glass.

You should, while making a toast raise your glass to the honoree.

If you are being toasted, stay seated and refrain from picking up a glass.

Be brief.

Choose a toast that is appropriate to the gathering and people.

Use humor, brevity and clarity.

Here is a simple idea for a New Year's Toast:

Welcome are those that are here.

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Old Newsboys Day volunteers part of record-setting effort

It was a banner year for Old Newsboys Day and for the children of the St. Louis area as more than \$610,000 was collected for local charities.

"It was tremendous," said Ted Wetterau, chairman of the Old Newsboys Day board. "We were able to fill all of the needs of the agencies who qualified for assistance."

The 70 percent increase in funds collected on Old Newsboys Day Nov. 16 has been allocated to nearly 200 local children's charities. Requests for assistance included a wide variety of items including school uniforms, playground equipment, car seats, tap dancing shoes, medicine, books, coats and sports equipment.

The purpose of the Old Newsboys Day campaign simply has been to raise money for children's agencies in the St. Louis area that need additional support. Funds generally are allocated towards children who have a high need where there is little likelihood of another funding source.

Since 1957, more than \$6.9 million have been collected for local children's charities through the Old Newsboys Day program.

This year, an Old Newsboys Day online auction sponsored by Primary Network also was effective in generating funds for the program.

Throughout the years, thousands of local volunteers have withstood rain and snow and cold winds to sell special editions of the Suburban Journals. This year, the volunteers had a big helping hand from a variety of corporations who joined the fund-raising effort in a big way. Among the corporate donors were: Anheuser-Busch, GTE, Edward Jones, Emerson Electric and Central States Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Mercantile Bank, Daimler Chrysler, Wendy's, Harbour Group, Bank of America, Laclede Gas, AmerenUE, May Foundation, A.G. Edwards, Maritz, Lemay Bank and Trust, Ralston Purina, Enterprise Leasing, Westfield Shoppingtowns and Haultly Cheese.

"There was a tremendous generosity from the corporate community and from all of the volunteers who really worked their tails off this year," Wetterau said. "Everything clicked very well."

This year, a group of Old Newsboys Day Business Edition leaders, under the direction of business chairman Frank Trulaskie, raised more than \$100,000. His group included Tom Rice of the Suburban Journals, Don Poling of Deloitte and Touche, Ron Saverin of Wendy's, Michelle Esswein of Unique Design

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Wetterau heaped praise on this year's Old Newsboys Day chairman - Lou and Jackie Brock. Wetterau said Lou Brock was especially relentless in focusing all of his efforts, and convincing others to focus all of their efforts, towards the Old Newsboys Day drive. In addition, Wetterau said Jackie Brock was always effective in charming potential donors into helping the program.

"They may have been the best chairmen we've ever had, and the results this year show it," Wetterau said.

The results follow below. Listed are all of the agencies who received funding from this year's Old Newsboys Day drive.

To Ted Wetterau and Lou and Jackie Brock, to the thousands of faithful volunteers, to the corporate community, and to everyone who worked hard to make Old Newsboys Day 1999 a success, the Suburban Journals want to thank you. What follows are the fruits of your labors; the charities that will use the money you raised to help bring improvements to the lives of many St. Louis children.



Cardinal great Lou Brock was the 1999 Old Newsboys co-chairperson.

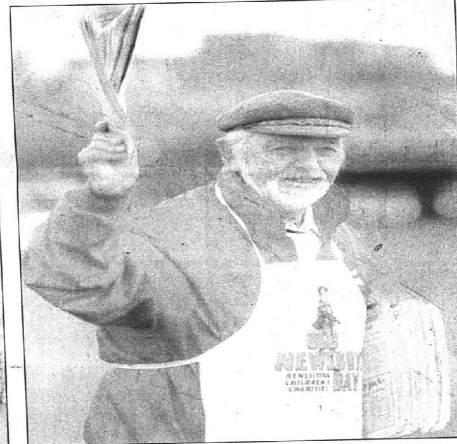
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Co-chairperson Jackie Brock (left) and longtime Old Newsboys volunteer Art Allard were among the many to sell the special edition of the Journal.



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News

State police to conduct random road safety checks

By Kerry Smith
Staff writer

The Illinois State Police will be randomly stopping motorists in unannounced areas of Madison County for roadside safety checks now through Jan. 1.

Trooper Ralph Timmins said a roadside check the evening of Dec. 17 in

Godfrey produced a significant number of drivers who were not wearing seatbelts. "The primary focus of our roadside safety checks is to make sure motorists are in possession of their drivers' licenses and vehicle insurance cards," Timmins said. "But we will also be on the lookout for people not wearing seatbelts, open alcohol in the car and other violations. The reason we conduct these safety checks is to encour-

age everyone to be safe when they sit behind the wheel."

A traffic crash reconstructionist, Timmins said out of the 19 fatal crash scenes he worked last year, 11 victims were not wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash and were ejected from their vehicles.

"A 35-pound child standing on a seat in a car driving 30 miles per hour would hit with 1,050 pounds of force if that car struck a vehicle or other object," Timmins said. "Those of us at the Illinois State Police are firm believers in seatbelts and child restraints. It's the one thing you can do to protect yourself and the people you care about."

Increasing the number of roadside safety checks this month makes sense, the trooper said, because December is the worst month for alcohol-related

deaths.

"Illinois had 142 fatalities last December," Timmins said, "and 50 of those - roughly one-third - were alcohol related."

Illinois State Police Director Sam Nolen said the holidays are either "magic or tragic," depending upon whether a family has suffered the loss of a loved one because of a drunken driver's recklessness.

"In a huge percentage of traffic fatalities, the drunken person is unhurt or hurt only slightly," Timmins said. "It's amazing that so many drunken drivers come out of these accidents unscathed."

Choosing a designated driver before anyone drinks anything is the wisest, safest strategy, the state trooper said. And not drinking alcohol at all if you're under age 21 is the best decision young people can make.

Obituaries

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Damian Wozniak

DAMIAN R. WOZNIAK, 82, of Granite City, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 1999, at South Miami Hospital in Miami.

He was born Aug. 9, 1917, in Chicago. Mr. Wozniak was an U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a superintendent for Cargill Grain Elevator and member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

He is survived by a son, Gregory Wozniak of Granite City; a daughter, Beverly Shaw of Miami; three grandsons, Doug Shaw of Miami, Kevin Wozniak of Granite City and Chad Wozniak of Louisville, Ky.; and a great-granddaughter, Jill Wozniak of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy (Walkowiak) Wozniak and his parents, Andrew and Anastacia Wozniak.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. today at Holy Family Catholic Church, with the Rev. Tom Wise officiating. Burial will be in Holy Cross

Cemetery in Calumet City.

Irwin Chapel in Granite City handled the arrangements.

Memorials may be made in the form of Masses.

Raymond Wuebbles

RAYMOND B. WUEBBLES, 76, of Granite City, died at 7:20 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999, at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born Nov. 19, 1923, in Aviston. Mr. Wuebbles was a U.S. Merchant Marine of World War II. He was a custodian for Graces Baptist Church and also a truck driver for Teamsters Local 600. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Granite City and Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens.

He is survived by his wife, Marge (Schultz) Wuebbles, whom he married July 3, 1965. Other survivors include a daughter, Jeanette Wuebbles of Cape Girardeau; two sisters, Clara Rollins of Shrewsbury, Mo., and Marie Deiters of St. Rose; a grandson, Brian Ballard of Granite City; a granddaughter, Margaret Walk of St. Louis and great-grandchildren, Kristie, Amber, Ryan and Jennifer and Nathan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Ann Wuebbles; three brothers, Clem, Wuebbles, Bill, Wuebbles and Joe Wuebbles and a sister, Loretta Wuebbles.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Grace Baptist Church with the Rev. John Gambin officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Irwin Chapel in Granite City handled the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Grace Baptist Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

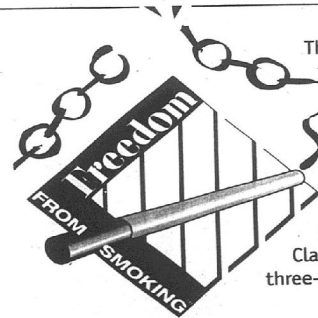
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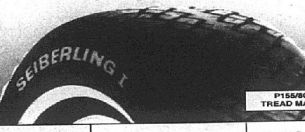
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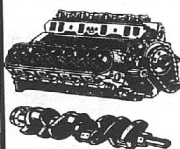
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2000 PARTY MOVES



Nestle the lunch bag with packages of soup, fresh fruit and cookies in confetti for workers seeing in the new year on the job.

Rick Graef photo

Y2K crew controls chips in the bowl and on computers

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

The dawn of the year 2000 marks an auspicious beginning to a new millennium. More holiday workers this year join those who normally see in the new year at jobs in hospitals, on streets as police, fire and transit workers and at parties serving revelers. They hope to have nothing to do except wish good fortune to each other. They are watching for problems they hope will not occur as computers add new digits.

Their lunch bags may be well-stocked from home so they can munch their way through the night or they may take a cue from well-seasoned New Year's Eve workers who bring their favorite foods for sharing. Another possibility is their bosses will provide refreshments to hold them until

the clock strikes 12.

The traditional image of the night is a party whirling with wine and wild-eyed wonder, but most people prefer a quieter wait for the new year with clear heads. Knowing when the momentous moment arrives constitutes their fun.

Like other workers on New Year's Eve, office staffs have planned their evenings carefully to coincide with their duties.

Charles Erker, corporate vice president and director of marketing and public relations for Commerce Bancshares, says his office, like many, is limited in equipment for preparing food. Six to 10 people will work during the night.

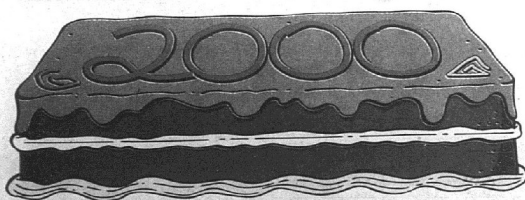
"We'll work in shifts to make it reasonable to let everybody have time

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Whether the new year is celebrated in home or office, Potato Caviar Canapés will impress revelers. Boil 8 ounces yellow potatoes until tender. Peel and cut in thin slices (about 1/2 inch thick). Top each with 1 to 1-1/2 teaspoons sour cream (1/2 cup total) and 1/2 teaspoon red or black caviar (2 ounces total). Garnish each with a thin triangle of lemon.

Cheer the Year



Mark the new year's arrival by putting the numbers on as many foods as possible.

A tube of frosting etches it sweetly on cookies, cake, muffins and pie. Pieces of licorice or other candy pieced together forms the digits. Wait until right before serving time to decorate a moist food, like pudding or creamy pie filling. The younger the child, the bigger the "writing" surface should be.

Foods can be cut apart or hollowed to manipulate shapes. Slice bell pepper, cucumber, squash, citrus fruit or kiwifruit

horizontally and use the skin or rind in pieces for the "2" and the slice with or without the center for each "0."

Kids' Cuisine

Children can mix a simple dip, then dress up the top to share a party treat with bite-size veggies or fruit.

Sour cream provides an easy start. For a mild savory touch, they add dried onion flakes, a sprinkle of garlic powder, a little dill weed and, if they like seafood, a can of cocktail shrimp (drained). For dipping with fruit, add a little strawberry jam or jelly to the sour cream.

Wise Ways

Light bubbles toast a brand new year
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Food & Nutrition

Hearty Bites

In a traditional loose-meat sandwich, sloppy is evident, but Joe stays anonymous.
INSIDE

Blue Ribbon Cook

Spinach and creamy cheese sauce wrap up turkey and lasagna.
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Test Run

Tortillas color tacos and other Tex-Mex mixtures with flavorful style and aroma.
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Mirco Raves

Fondue pot comes from attic or under tree for new-again fun.
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Lively Taste

For spicy Mexican salsa, combine 1 can (15 ounces) pizza sauce, 1 can (4 ounces) diced green chiles, 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro, 1/2 teaspoon cumin and 5 drops pepper sauce. Chill several hours. Use with chiles rellenos, for Mexican pizza sauce or as a dip with flour tortillas rolled with cream cheese and green chiles.

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

Heart disease, depression and traffic accidents are predicted to be three major health threats to humans by the year 2020, according to the World Health Organization. This prediction comes with hope because measures can be taken — from exercising to using seat belts — as lifestyle changes to reduce risk of falling prey to these problems.

Fresh Picks

Twice-baked sweet potatoes warm up colors on a table. On a baking sheet, bake 3 pounds small unpeeled sweet potatoes, pierced with tines of fork, in a preheated 400 degree oven about 1 hour until tender. Cool 15 minutes. Cut thin slice off each top. Carefully scoop pulp into bowl, leaving shells intact. Mash pulp, then stir in 1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple in juice (drained), 1/2 cup golden raisins, 1 tablespoon light brown sugar, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Spoon mixture into shells. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons chopped pecans and 1 cup mini marshmallows. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven 15 minutes or until hot. Makes 8 servings.

Big Fat Tip

Add buttermilk dressing to green salad. In a small bowl, combine 1 cup reduced-fat buttermilk, 1 tablespoon cut-up dried tomato, 2 tablespoons balsamic or red wine vinegar, 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley, 1 tablespoon chopped fresh or 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme and freshly ground pepper to taste. Stir dressing until blended. Refrigerate, covered, up to 1 week. One hour before serving, toss 1/4 cup dressing with 8 ounces sliced fresh mushrooms. Just before serving, toss mushrooms and 1 medium head of romaine lettuce, cut-up, with desired amount of dressing.

Future Shop

One hundred years is a long time, but it flies by. People entered the 20th century eager to sit down to a hot, filling and inexpensive meal. The term "vitamin" first was coined in 1914, giving rise to understanding the role of vitamins and minerals. Food then was directed to correct deficiency diseases like scurvy, anemia and rickets. During the second half of the century, instant-everything became the cry along with a national interest in health. Today knowledge of food's role in the body continues to expand. A new century looks forward to seizing a unique opportunity to use the studied resources to live longer and stronger.

Today's Food

Flavored tortillas wrap up tests in flavorful year

A new wave of flour tortillas comes with the advantages of being lovely to look at and a treat to taste.

Tumaro's Inc. styles plain and flavored tortillas in packages of eight. They cost \$2.29 at Schnuck Markets. Shelf-stable at room temperature on a shelf, the resealable plastic package should be refrigerated after opening.

They claim to be made without lard and from organic flour as provided by California law. They front of the package shows an American Heart Association logo.

Several varieties were tested on home tables.

The sun-dried tomato and basil tortillas made a positive impression on the family testing them for chicken quesadillas.

"When we first opened the package, the first thing we noticed was the aroma. You could definitely tell these were not ordinary tortillas," he said.

Aroma from each variety was strong and recognizable when the bag was opened.

"The taste was not nearly as strong as the aroma, but we liked them fine," he added.

He called the texture "heartier" than regular flour tortillas. The tester of the chipotle chili and peppers variety agreed.

"At first, I thought they were made of corn instead of flour, but once I started to work with them, the difference was more like that between foods with whole wheat or bleached flour," she said.

She found them easy to work with.

"They held up well. I filled them with our usual burrito mixture. Even one cut in half rolled easily. They were still tender and cut apart on the plate well. The flavors between tortilla and filling meshed and reinforced each other," she said.

When she tried them without filling, the texture incorporated small pieces of pepper for lingering flavor.

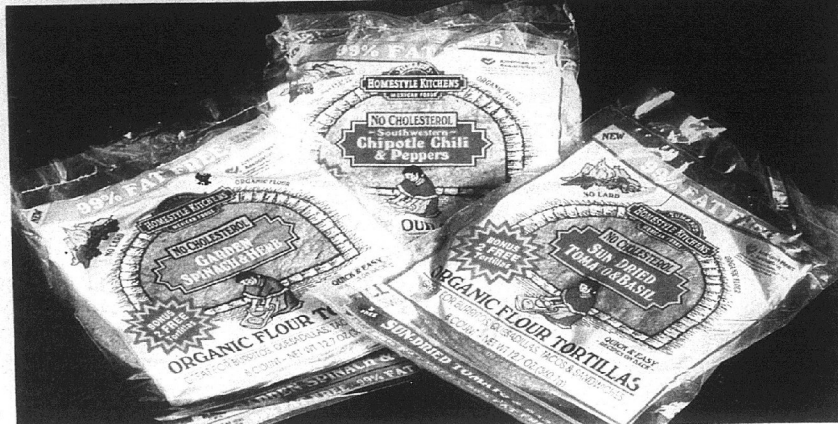
A bonus for the family with young children was the color of the tomato and basil tortillas.

"My 4-year-old and 2-year-old got a big kick out of the red color since, after all, it fit right into the Christmas season," he said.

Another tester found it easy to plan to use the colorful tortillas during the holidays.

"I'm going to roll the red sun-dried tomato ones with a Tex-Mex cheese filling and try the garden spinach and herb variety, which is green, with an Italian mixture to take for an appetizer to an open house. I'll bet they gather lots of compliments even before people grab them," he said.

Another tester appreciated their



Color, flavor and texture are bonuses in Tumaro's flour tortillas.

nutrition profile. She noted that each tortilla contained just 1 gram

fat. They also contain 1 gram dietary fiber and 150 milligrams

sodium, less than some other favorite brands.

Sloppy Joe a kid's favorite

By Paul Ott
Correspondent

Sloppy Joes are a childhood favorite. They're delicious in the school cafeteria, but they were not on the home menu. Maybe it's the name that scares people. It couldn't be difficult in making them, because they are so easy to prepare.

No one seems to know who Joe was or why he was called "Sloppy." Was it a food that looked up, but tasted good?

After extensive research, the only mention of its origin comes from a culinary dictionary: a sandwich composed of a split hamburger bun topped with a mixture of cooked ground beef, onion, green pepper and spicy tomato sauce.

The name seems to relate to its appearance and its messiness when eaten. That's logical, but does not explain "Joe." I still am searching for him.

However, I found "Sloppy." It relates to the mess I made. I should have chosen a saucer, rather than a frying pan.

The sandwich pictured on

canned sloppy Joe sauce looks like most of the filling would land on the table outside the zone of the bun. It would be wise to moderate the size of that sandwich anyway. Obesity is a risk factor of heart disease and more than half of Americans are considered obese. By reducing portion sizes of high-calorie, high-fat foods and increasing physical activity, weight can be lost and the risk of having a heart attack or stroke reduced.

TURKEY SLOPPY JOES

- 1 lb. ground skinless turkey breast
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 can (6 oz.) salt-free tomato paste
- 1 cup water
- 1 tbsp. prepared mustard
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen corn, if desired

To cut back on the portion size of meat, add a vegetable to help satisfy appetite. This version of sloppy Joes includes corn. Vegetables are low in fat and calories and naturally cholesterol-free, so eating more vegetables when still hungry after the meal is much better than having another serving of a main dish.

Registered dietitian Paul Ott is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, Greater St. Louis Division.

1/4 cup brown sugar, if desired

In large nonstick skillet (or big saucer) over high heat, cook turkey, onion and garlic until browned, stirring to crumble. Drain any liquid left in pan.

Stir in bell pepper, tomato paste, water, mustard, chili powder, pepper, corn and brown sugar (for sweeter mixture). Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer about 10 minutes until sauce thickens. Makes 8 servings when corn is added; 175 calories, 15 g protein, 6.4 g fat (2 g saturated), 45 mg cholesterol, 107 mg sodium and 30 g carbohydrate each.

Add some glistening color to your millennium toast

By Mary Schroepfer
Correspondent

Grab the glasses and sip a toast to the new millennium! Whether the celebration is at home with a small gathering of family or friends or a two-some toast for a romantic vigil, the evening should be special.

Table and stemware decorated with gold or silver bows adds a festive feeling. Tie a gold or silver metallic ribbon around the base goblets. Write 2000 on the outside of the glass

with icing and let it dry. Freeze pieces of fruit in individual ice cubes for a fruity taste. Slices of strawberry, orange and kiwifruit make showy choices.

In a pinch, twist aluminum foil into bows and attach to a barren branch placed in a glass or crystal vase. Spray lightly with artificial snow and sprinkle with glitter. A hole punch quickly turns foil into glitter or confetti. Kids love to help. However, keep glitter and confetti out of the reach of toddlers, because young children nibble on everything.

After the party is over, take a moment to gather and discard all drink and beverage glasses, beer cans or alcohol containers in the party and kitchen area to avoid tempting young children who wake up early the following day. Only a small amount of leftover alcohol can poison a small child.

To keep the new year safe, stir together

a simple non-alcoholic sparkling drink using club soda and apple juice. These drinks will please guests of all ages.

Home economist Mary Schroepfer is nutrition specialist with University Extension (University of Missouri system) in Franklin County.

CHAMPAGNE FOOLER

- 1/3 cup chilled unsweetened apple juice
- 1/4 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 cup club soda

Chill champagne or other fluted glass. Measure apple and lemon juice in cup. Add club soda. Stir gently to blend, using swizzle stick or spoon. Pour into chilled glass. Serve immediately. Makes 1 serving, 40 calories.

EVERYTHING'S ROSY MILLENNIUM TOAST

- 3/4 cup low-calorie cranberry juice
- 1/4 cup club soda
- Lime wedge

In tall glass, combine cranberry juice and club soda. Add ice. Serve with lime. Makes 1 serving, 58 calories.

2000 Party

Continued from page 1

with their families," he says.

The staff will bring favorite desserts. He plans to prepare Crumple Tart, a family recipe with dates, pecans and whipped cream usually made on only two not New Year's holidays a year.

The staff debated over which bagels to order and which diet sodas to stock, but he says the party will have plenty of healthy drinks — including a personal favorite,

Ronnoco's "Blue Nile" coffee — chips and other snack-type foods to see them through what he expects to be "a non-event."

Some offices — and homes — have ordered food deliveries during the evening. Others are inspired by restaurants to use their specialties as ingredients.

Only a microwave oven is needed for sandwiches on bread provided from a favorite source.

For starters, choose a

package of pulled pork in barbecue sauce from the freezer at a supermarket. Warm it, then place it as filling for a sandwich on a favorite bread — Saint Louis Bread Co. suggests its asiago cheese focaccia — and top first with sweet coleslaw, then a few canned French-fried onions. Wrap each sandwich in plastic and warm in a microwave oven. Those who bring food to a

shared table can offer Bread Pudding, designed by Einstein Bros. to use bagels. Like other chilled foods, it should not be left at room temperature more than two hours.

A crockery cooker will keep food at a constant temperature for a working event with shared food. Mushroom and Mozzarella Ravioli Duo is a rich, hearty

dish from Dave and Busters that can be served in appetizer-size portions. Of course, meatballs are a classic, so

Millenni-Yumm Meatballs would be worth a non-alcoholic toast to computers working at the stroke of midnight.

BREAD PUDDING

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted
- 4 plain or cinnamon-raisin bagels, cut in 1/2 inch cubes
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup diced dried apple
- 4 cups milk
- 4 eggs
- 1-1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 3/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 1 tsp. salt

Place butter in 13-by-9-inch pan. Tilt so bottom of pan is coated. Place bagels evenly in pan. Sprinkle with raisins and apple.

Over low heat, heat milk until hot, but not boiling. In bowl, whip eggs, using fork or whisk. Add vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg, sugar and salt. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Gradually add hot milk to egg mixture, mixing constantly until thoroughly combined and eggs do not cook. Pour over bagel mixture in pan. Press down bagels into liquid. Let soak 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Place pan in larger baking pan with sides and place on middle rack of oven. Pour hot water into bottom pan. Bake in preheated oven 45 to 50 minutes until set. Cool completely. Refrigerate.

MILLENNI-YUMM MEATBALLS

- 1 lb. hot or mild pork sausage
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/3 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 3 tbsp. vinegar
- 2 tbsp. low-sodium soy sauce

Combine sausage, egg, bread crumbs and garlic salt. Form into 36 to 40 small meatballs. In large skillet, brown meatballs on all sides. Drain fat.

Combine ketchup, brown sugar, vinegar and soy sauce in crockery cooker. Add meatballs. Cook, covered, on high heat 90 minutes until sauce is hot and thickened. Lower heat to keep warm in pot.

Note: To use frozen meatballs, eliminate pork sausage, egg, bread crumbs and garlic salt.

MUSHROOM AND MOZZARELLA RAVIOLI DUO

- 2 lb. ravioli, preferably half filled with smoked mozzarella cheese and the other half with portobello mushrooms
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 1 tsp. chopped parsley
- 3 cups diced Roma tomatoes
- 2 tsp. fresh basil, cut in fine julienne strips
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 cup grated asiago cheese
- Pepper to taste

Cook ravioli according to package directions. Drain very well.

Melt butter. Add garlic and parsley. Add tomatoes, basil and salt. Saute 30 to 60 seconds until tomatoes are hot. Add stock. Bring to simmer.

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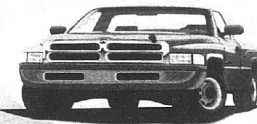
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Good luck and taste help to usher in the new year

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Border Corn Cakes with Black-Eyed Pea Salsa, from the cookbook "Southern Traditions, 100 Years of Recipes from the Martha White Kitchens" (Creative Publishing International, 1999), is a delicious way to enjoy them while watching New Year bowl games.

Southern tradition says the peas bring good luck. They probably originated more than 3,000 years ago and were brought to America by Spanish explorers and African slaves.

black-eyed peas, drained
1 cup salsa
1 cup chopped bell pepper
2 medium tomatoes, seeded, chopped
3 tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro
2 tsp. lemon juice
Salt and pepper
2 pkg. (6 oz. each) cornbread mix
2 cups (8 oz.) shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1-1/2 cups milk
1 egg, beaten

In medium skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Cook onion and garlic, stirring occasionally, until tender. Stir in 1 can of black-eyed peas. Cook until thoroughly heated. Using potato masher or fork, mash mixture until thick and chunky. Stir in remaining peas and salsa. Remove from heat. Stir in bell pepper, tomato, cilantro and lemon juice. Add salt and pepper. Spoon into serving dish. If desired, garnish with additional cilantro. If not serving immediately, cover and refrigerate. Grease griddle or large skillet lightly with oil. Heat

to medium heat (350 degrees). Griddle is ready when small drops of water sizzle and disappear almost immediately. In medium bowl, combine

cornbread mix, cheese, milk and egg. Stir until smooth. For each corn cake, pour heaping tablespoon batter onto hot griddle. Cook, turning once, until golden on

both sides. If batter thickens, add more milk. Serve corn cakes with salsa. Yields 36 corn cakes and 5 cups salsa.

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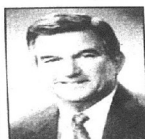
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Today's Food Fondue is 'fun-do' way to dip and dunk

By Barb Gray
Correspondent

In culinary language, fondue usually means a hot dish made from melted cheese, into which pieces of bread are dipped. "Fondue" comes from the French word, "fondre," which simply means "to melt."

Many fondue pots moved from the housewares departments to gifts under the tree last week. The Swiss call fondue its "national dish," so they know how to make the best of it without resorting to using it as a holder for pot-pot plants.

The Swiss dunk their morning bread into chocolate or coffee with no compunction about sticky fingers. They dunk sugar in their after-dinner coffee. They

have evolved a number of dishes and meals which invite happy, hungry diners to gather around a fire and dunk their own.

Fondue creates an atmosphere as bubbly and exciting as the savory mixture itself. Above all a matter of fun and friendship, fondue never should be served to boring people who dislike something just a little different.

Fondue does not always call for cheese. Chocolate is a welcome alternative.

Small pieces of meat can be cooked quickly in hot oil, but this requires care. Butter burns, so choose oil, preferably peanut oil. It is better to heat the oil in the fondue pot itself, rather than in the microwave oven.

If Santa was particularly generous with fondue pots this Christmas, invite the family to bring them all and plan a meal from appetizer

to dessert for a new year's party or stash away the idea for Super Bowl Sunday or Valentine's Day.

WHITE CHOCOLATE ALMOND FONDUE

- 1/3 cup sliced almonds
- 2 tsp. butter or margarine
- 2 pkg. (6 oz. each) white chocolate baking bars, broken up
- 1 cup mini marshmallows
- 1/2 cup whipping cream

In 9-inch pie plate, microwave almonds and butter on high power 4 to 6 minutes until almonds just begin to brown, stirring every 2 minutes. Drain on paper towel. Reserve 1 tablespoon almonds for garnish and chop remainder.

In 1-1/2 quart casserole or

serving dish, combine white chocolate, marshmallows and whipping cream. Microwave at medium (50 percent) power 5 to 9 minutes until baking bars are melted and mixture can be stirred smooth, beating with whisk 2 or 3 times during warming time.

Stir in chopped almonds. Sprinkle with reserved sliced almonds. Serve with dippers and condiments. Reheat in microwave oven on medium power 1 to 2 minutes, stirring once, or keep warm by placing in fondue pot over very low heat.

Dippers: Use 1- to 2-inch pieces pound cake or angel food cake, or fresh fruit - whole strawberries, banana and pineapple chunks, apple and pear slices.

Condiments: Set out bowls of 1/2 cup chopped walnuts, pecans, peanuts or sunflower nuts; 1/2 cup semisweet mini chocolate chips; 1/2 cup vanilla wafer crumbs; 1/2 cup toasted coconut and 1/4 cup chocolate or multicolored sprinkles.

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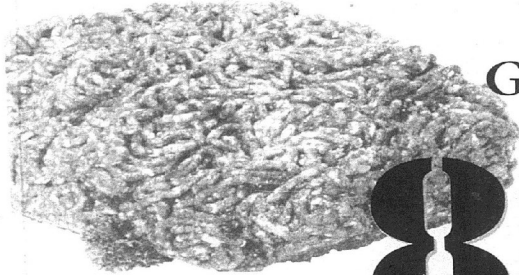
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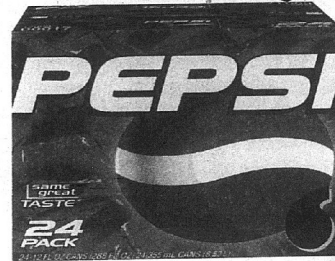
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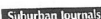
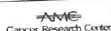
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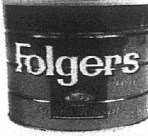
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GRANITE CITY: Excess used car inventory forces price slashing in Granite City, this Wednesday 29th, for one of ILLINOIS most respected Chevrolet dealers.

- A Dollar Savings Report

The high volume of new car sale in 1999 has created a glut of used cars in the market. Dealerships are experiencing excess inventory exposure and higher expenses as a result. Weber Granite City Chevrolet is slashing prices in a sale announced for Wednesday, December 29, 1999. Some prices will be slashed as low as \$9.00. No, that's not a typographical error - \$9.00 each!

Over \$3,000,000 of quality used vehicles will be on sale. Retail prices are to be slashed to rock bottom prices with some being lower than ten dollars.

Prices during this sale will be drastically slashed with \$20,000 vehicles being sold as low as \$12,000, \$15,000 vehicles being as low as \$8,000, \$10,000 vehicles being sold as low as \$4,000, and \$5,000 vehicles sold as low as \$1,000!

The General Manager was asked why his dealership would knock prices down so low. He responded, "car sales have been tremendous and our inventory has just gotten out of hand. We've got to move vehicles out any way we can."

When asked how Weber Granite City Chevrolet can sell cars for \$9.00 and make money, The General Manager replied, "obviously we're in business to make a profit, but our bottom line gets hurt if we have too many vehicles in our inventory. We've got to bring in customers and sell this excess inventory any way we can. Some of those nice people are going to get the bargain of their lives when they drive away in a perfectly fine car for less than ten bucks".

The General Manager was asked how this special sale works. Weber Granite City Chevrolet vehicles will be displayed in a fenced in area, under a big tent on the lot next to our dealership on Rt. 3 & Pontoon Road. Granite City Prospective buyers can begin to register for the event at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday or if they wish to avoid long lines, they are welcome to pre register on Tuesday from 5 pm - 8 pm here at the dealership. The inspection period will last from 4 pm - 6 pm on Wednesday.

The regular price for each vehicle will be posted in each respective windshield. At precisely 6 pm on Wednesday, the "County Slasher" will arrive and begin to slash prices on every vehicle in the fenced in area. The person sitting behind the wheel of any vehicle when the regular price is slashed will have the first opportunity to purchase the vehicle at the new lower price. All prices will be slashed to the lowest possible price (including five vehicle \$9.00 each). Add tax, title, license a documentation fees and you're out the door!


Prices will continue to be slashed as the inventory is reduced by at least million dollars or 2 pm, whichever comes first. When that point is reached, the sale will be over and the dealership will return to business as usual.

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Scholarship winners on road to success

Belleville Area College has announced its 1999-2000 scholarship recipients.

Hannah Bottrell, right, of Sparta, has received the Jack Schiller Memorial Endowed Scholarship, which is awarded to a full-time music program student (preferably one studying the piano).

Student Ron Langsdorf of Granite City, below left, is pictured with Egyptian Radio Club treasurer Tod S. West Sr. (right). Langsdorf received the Egyptian Radio Club Scholarship, which is available to a full- or part-time student attending the college's Granite City Campus.

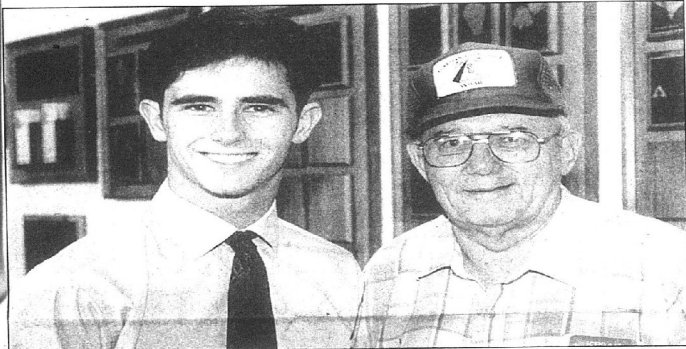
The Leo and Pat Konzen Nursing Scholarship recipient (below right) is Kate Junge (left, pictured with Mr. and Mrs. Konzen). The scholarship is awarded to a full-time Nursing Education student residing in the Granite City, Venice or Madison area.

Others of the more than 150 privately funded scholarships available from the BAC Foundation include those for BAC graduates who intend to go on to future college training (the American Association for University Women Pearl Johnson Memorial Endowment, for example), those for sports team members (the Granite City Elks Club Soccer Scholarship and the A.J. Woods Memorial Scholarship, to name two), those for students enrolled in certain fields of study (the Exchange Club of Belleville Scholarship for child care service, and the SEIU Local 116 Maintenance and Custodial Staff Scholarship, for vocational program students, for example), and those for students who are residents of various communities or graduates from various high schools.

For information about how to obtain one of these scholarships visit www.bacollege.org/foundation on the Internet or call 1-800-BAC-5131, ext. 5215.



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BAC honors volunteers for years of service

More than 1,000 volunteers were honored for their contributions to their communities during Belleville area College's Programs and Services for Older Persons annual Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Luncheon, held recently at Fischer's Restaurant in Belleville.

BAC photos by Kelly Turner



Recognized for 10 years of service were: (back row, left to right) Irma Manning of Granite City, Artha Wylie of Marietta and Doris Lyka of Belleville; (front row) Mabel Schickedanz of Marietta, Louise Voegtle of Belleville, Margaret Claude of Swansea and Josephine Stengel of Collinsville. They each received a 10-year service pin.



Recognized for five years of service were: (back row, left to right) Olga Simurda of Granite City, Richard Wagner and Nina Schott, both of Belleville, and Meridene Wilson of New Athens; (front row) Lorraine Schlich of Belleville and Lysie Louise Steele of Marietta. They each received a five-year service pin.

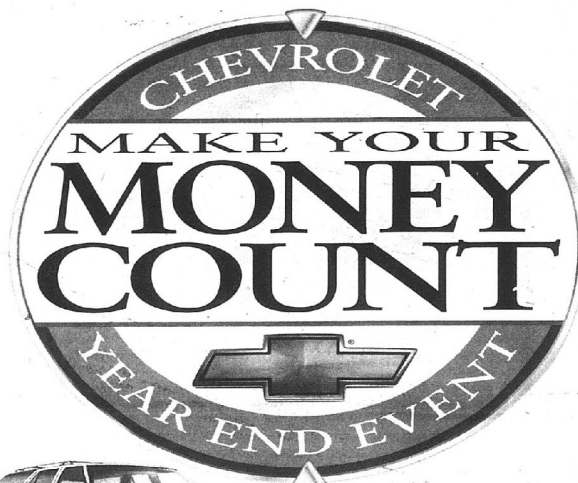


Also receiving pins for 10 years of service were: (back row, left to right) Zennie Herring of Collinsville, Emerson "Jake" Hough of Belleville, Sylvia Hennessey of Cahokia, Angelita Dunn of Fairview Heights and Margaret Faltus and Grace Keim, both of Belleville; (front row) Deores Klingelhofer and Josephine Bertalbot, both of Belleville, Mathilda Andzejewski of Fairview Heights, Elizabeth Ahlers of Freeburg, Mildred Gorman of Marietta and Anita Bieser of Collinsville.



Also receiving five-year pins for service were: (back row, left to right) Gladys Smith of Highland, Gilbert Karika of Belleville, J. Everette Rody of Marietta, Edmund Rissien of Belleville, and Anna Pawlow of Fairview Heights; (front row) Loretta McFarling and Mary Kay Martz, both of Belleville, Lorraine Menard of New Athens, Mary Mize of Granite City and Darlene Noe of Cahokia.

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Social

ETA Alumnae Chapter holds Christmas party

Eleven members attended the annual Christmas luncheon of the Eta Alumnae Chapter, Phi Tau Omega Sorority, at Ravaneli's.

The president, Van Stuart, was in charge of the arrangements. She presented each member with a hand-decorated Christmas tree ornament. The table was decorated in the holiday motif.

Those attending were Betty Harris, Frances Hartman, Mildred Jungels, LaVeeda Knobbe, Marguerite Lexow, Ann McDowell, Elsie Rodell, Van Stuart, Mary Lou Tonsick, Lois Winter and Mary Evelyn Vencho.

Hand-made crafted favors were given to everyone.

National Dean's List students selected

Students from Granite City are among the students included in the 22nd annual edition of the National Dean's List, 1998-99.

Students selected include: Kindra Allen, Belleville Area College; Scott Blomgren, Ranken Tech College; Michael Bristol, Western Illinois University; Dee Anna Byrd, Belleville Area College; Ginger Daniels, Belleville Area College; Andrea Davis, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville; Vincent Dohnal, Belleville Area College; Sherri Finkle, Belleville Area College; Evon Hicks, Belleville Area

College; Bryan Johnson, Evangel University; Mark Lull, Belleville Area College; Nikki Rodgers, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville; Shannon Shemwell, Ranken Tech College; Leigh Smallwood, Belleville Area College; Mike Stone, Quincy University; Cynthia Thiek, Belleville Area College; Jaime Thompson, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville; Anthony Turnbough, Belleville Area College; Roy Weathers, Belleville Area College; Julie Wilkinson, Belleville Area College

Women's Fellowship has monthly meeting

The Christian Women's Fellowship met at Central Christian Church recently. Ruth Circle was the hostess. Betty Johnson and Lynda Leggett conducted leadership/worship. Worship was "Anna's Story," scripture, Luke 2:36-38. Refreshments were served. Following the meeting, Leggett and Johnson, along with the help of Jim Turner, presented the ladies with a play, "Talking

to God."

Johnson and Leggett gave each lady a prayer rock for Christmas.

Betty Ebrecht, Doris Klenke, Johnson, Leggett, Nancy Schofield, Helen Stumpe, Betty Mirus, Guyia Stuart, Helen Stone, Myra Parrish, Dorothea Rivenburgh, Lena Seitzer, Barbara Williams, Mary Lee Lurton, Ruth Leik, Marge Kacera and Jo Stephens.

Students accepted at Western Illinois U.

Twenty-one Madison County students have accepted the challenge and enrolled at Western Illinois University. Area students include: COLLINSVILLE: Lauren Cusanelli, Michelle Meyer, Louis Meyer and Elmer

Romero. EDWARDSVILLE: Amy Frey. GLEN CARBON: Amanda Gaines and Angela Hutti. GRANITE CITY: Ricky Woodard

30 students selected for Achievement award

KMOX radio and

KETC/Channel 9 announced the 30 high school students that will receive the Student of Achievement award, including Jonathan Franko, Granite City High School, and Holly Renshaw, New Athens High School.

The students were selected for their outstanding achievements in the arts, academics, sports, and service to the community and leadership skills.

In order for these students to have been considered, they had to be nominated by their schools. Every high school in the Greater St. Louis region was invited to participate and nominate one student from their respective school.

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tinue this program," said Karen Carroll, general manager at KMOX radio. "It is our opportunity to salute outstanding high school students and put the spotlight on them. It's not often that students are recognized for the positive impact they make on our community."

"We are also delighted that McDonald's Restaurants and Southeast Missouri State University have agreed to once again support this project," Carroll said.

This is the first year that KETC/Channel 9 is participating in Student of Achievement.

"While this is a new project for us, it fits in so well with our other education and outreach initiatives," said Michael Hardgrove, CEO and president of KETC/Channel 9.

KETC broadcasts more than 10 hours of college credit telecourses each week and provides media literacy workshops for childcare providers and parents.

Each Student of Achievement award recipient will receive a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond in recognition for their achievements on KMOX radio, gifts from the sponsors and a plaque presented at a luncheon scheduled at the end of the school year.

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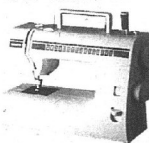
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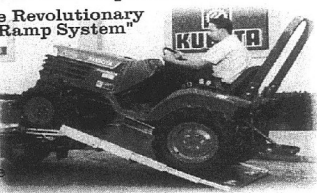
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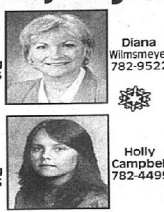
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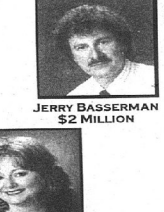
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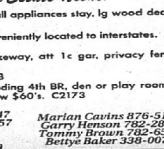
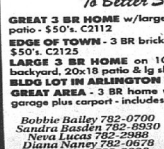
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